

PM's office raps FM reaction on Ras Burka

By BENNY MORRIS
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Egypt's submission to Israel last week of a report on the Ras Burka killings last fall has opened a minor fissure between the Foreign Ministry and the Prime Minister's Office. The rift is the latest expression of the ambivalence that has characterized the Labour-Likud government's dealings with Egypt since 1984.

The Foreign Ministry on Thursday expressed dissatisfaction with the material submitted by Egypt, saying that it still needed to be studied and translated, but that it appeared to consist only of transcripts of the verdict and the trial of Suleiman Khater, the Egyptian security policeman convicted of killing the seven Israeli tourists at a Sinai beach site last October 5. "This is not the report we have been requesting," said the ministry spokesman.

But Avraham Tamir, the director general of the Prime Minister's Office, criticized the Foreign Ministry reaction, saying that Israel "should not cast aspersions on Egyptian judicial and court proceedings. It is an insult to their judicial system." Tamir suggested that had an opposite situation arisen, Israelis would have been very upset had Egypt criticized Israel's judicial system.

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office said that there was "no precedent" for a country demanding that another set up a commission of inquiry to investigate a crime committed in its own territory by one of its nationals.

The sources were also highly critical of the implicit attempt to hold

Prices to stay frozen; then gradual increase

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter
The Treasury is to present a bill to the cabinet extending the price freeze beyond its June expiry date. Treasury Director-General Emmanuel Sharon said yesterday. He added that the Treasury would continue lifting price controls gradually, but did not indicate how long this process would take.

In a radio interview Sharon said it was possible that the freeze would be completely lifted before the proposed extension expired. Nevertheless, Sharon stressed, the bill would be introduced to head off expectations of a price explosion at the end of the freeze.

"As individuals," he said, "we all want to earn more money. But if we all get higher pay we will simply all be contributing to higher inflation. It isn't only the Histadrut that can be pointed at in connection with salary raises. Some employers, for their own reasons, raise pay beyond that laid down in national wage agreements. We aren't obliged to compensate those employers for the resulting drop in their profits."

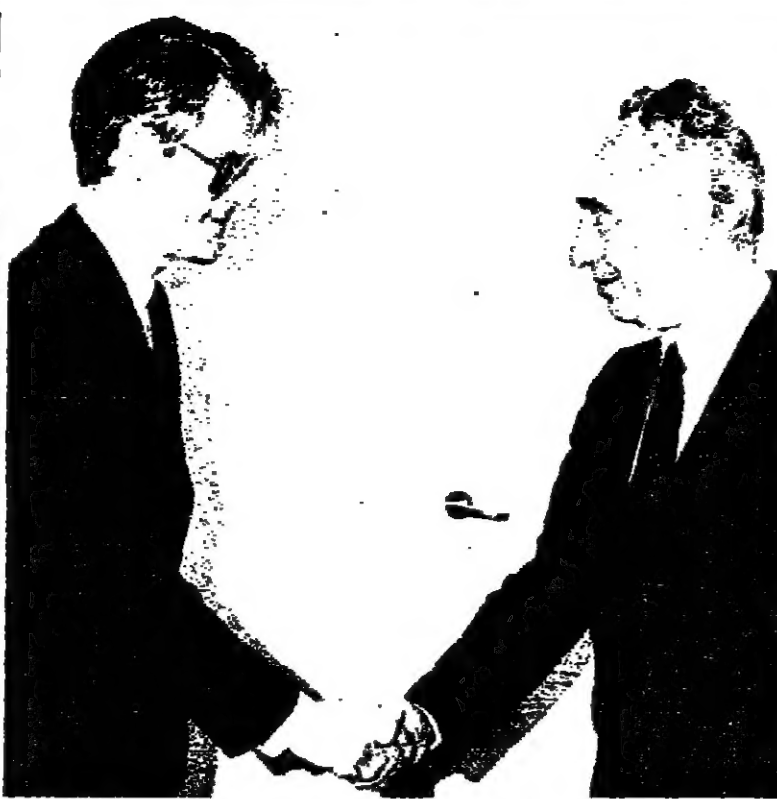
Sharon said there were no plans to devalue the shekel in the near future, although the Treasury was examining the International Monetary Fund's recommendation that the government allow somewhat larger fluctuations of the rate of exchange above or below the NIS 1.5 = \$1.

(Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i also denied that there were any plans to devalue the shekel, according to the Treasury. Moda'i is in Switzerland.)

Sharon's statements were made one day after the Central Bureau of Statistics had announced that the Consumer Price Index rose by 1.6 per cent in February. The rise in prices last month brought the index to 136.7 points on a 1985 = 100 baseline.

Bureau officials said the pace of price hikes during the last seven months translated into an annual inflation rate of 25 per cent. They added there were no signs that the lifting of price controls in several sectors in recent months had brought greater price increases.

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Sweden's new prime minister, Ingvar Carlsson, meets Israeli premier Shimon Peres at the Government Palace in Stockholm on Friday.

150,000 attend Palme funeral in Stockholm

STOCKHOLM (AP). - Tens of thousands of Swedes stood in silence yesterday as the white casket of slain Prime Minister Olof Palme, mourned as a "quintessential man of peace," was drawn to a quiet churchyard burial.

Greatcoated soldiers in plumed helmets beat black-muffled drums as teams of young people pulled Palme's catafalque along its route.

New Swedish leader Ingvar Carlsson, speaking to a funeral audience of royalty, world leaders and envoys, praised Palme as a "free and powerful bird, killed in full flight."

King Carl Gustaf, standing over Palme's casket, told Swedes their country had lost "a voice everyone listened to" and UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar described Palme as the "quintessential man of peace."

Representatives of 120 countries gathered in Stockholm for the civic funeral of Palme, who was shot dead on February 28.

While other dignitaries arrived in escorted limousines, Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres went on foot

to the city hall because of the Sabbath.

Former West German chancellor Willy Brandt, the last of the nine speakers at the funeral, told the Palme family in Norwegian that "your loss is our loss."

Palme's deeds "will prove stronger than violence," Brandt said, using the language he learned while a socialist refugee in Scandinavia during the Hitler years.

The slain Swedish leader's widow followed the casket from the hall, walking beside one of her three grown sons. They were followed by 280 bearers of red Social Democratic flags, who had stood silently on a long balcony throughout the funeral.

Police told Swedish Radio that 100,000 to 150,000 people lined the procession route.

Police cancelled their regular news conference on the progress of the hunt for Palme's killer yesterday, saying they had "nothing new to report."

A man arrested last Wednesday for suspected involvement in the killing was to be held at least until today.

'Peres meets foreign minister of Algeria'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Prime Minister Shimon Peres met with Algerian Foreign Minister Dr. Talib Ibrahim in Stockholm over the weekend, Israel Television reported last night.

The meeting, if confirmed, would be a breakthrough, since Algeria has traditionally been one of the most hostile of the Arab countries in its attitude to Israel.

Peres also met with European and Third World leaders attending the funeral of Olof Palme, among them French President Francois Mitterrand, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Prime Minister Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe and President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia. In a meeting with Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi, Peres reiterated his call for a "Marshall Plan for the Middle East" which would involve Israel, its Arab neighbours and European industrialized nations.

No sign of rift healing as Levy digs in his heels

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Correspondent
TEL AVIV. - The battle in Herut that flared so violently at last week's convention appeared no closer to peace last night as both sides continued their assaults on each other.

Deputy Premier David Levy announced on Friday that he would make no deals with Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir. He demanded an immediate second session of last week's aborted convention, and maintained that the present party institutions and office holders - including Shamir - had no authority.

Last night, Shamir said on television that he would seek to convene Herut's ministers this week to make peace. "Whoever comes will be welcome. We will work with all those who want to cooperate in the effort to mend the rift in the party," he said.

This alluded to the likelihood that Levy would refuse to attend, while his ad hoc ally Ariel Sharon might break ranks and show up. This, in any case, is the Shamir side's hope.

Shamir maintained that he "does not care what Levy may think or say about me personally. I know he says Begin's shoes are too big for me, but I am not familiar with his credentials as a shoemaker. I am sure that this mass party, in its authentic representation of the Israeli public, will overcome this difficult time. Whoever shows good-will will be part of the peace-making process, but whoever does not will be isolated," he said.

Speaking to his supporters on Friday, Levy's tone was emotional, his voice shrill and his temper appeared to flare as he again made plain that



David Levy (Harari)

he, at any rate, is in no mood for reconciliation.

Spokesmen for the Shamir side later said that Levy obviously had no interest in reaching any sort of accommodation, and that he had either lost control of himself or was deliberately engaging in demagoguery and whipping up the volatile emotions of some of his followers.

Levy rejected the idea floated by convention presidium chairman Moshe Katsav, elected as a Shamir sideman, that the two sides meet to decide on how the new party institutions should be divided, and on who the new office holders should be. This would enable the convention to be called back into session in a few weeks.

Levy argued that he could no longer recognize the leadership of anyone in the party as legitimate, or accept that any party forum could continue to operate, since all party institutions had become extinct the minute the convention was called. Only new institutions and leaders elected by the convention could be recognized, he said.

Deputy Defence Minister Michael Dekel, of the Shamir faction, advised Levy to quit the government

if he refused to recognize the legitimacy of Shamir's leadership, as Shamir was due to become prime minister in seven months under the rotation agreement.

Levy's speech to his supporters reached fever pitch as he alleged that it was a "result of a deliberate, carefully premeditated scheme" by the Shamir faction, that his own supporters had rioted in the convention.

Though he admitted for the first time that the rioters were his people, he maintained that they should not be blamed, because "the Shamir people set out, cunningly and deliberately, to make them lose control, by making unacceptable proposals and seeking to put them to a vote. They tried to drag out the proceedings. They engaged in name-calling. Then they rejoiced over the disturbances. We mourned what was happening to the party, but they celebrated the success of their plan." Levy burst out in an uncontrollable rush.

"These Shamir people plainly hold nothing sacred. I say this as my heart bleeds. All they care about is their power, even if the party loses [the election] and again becomes a small minority. I will never forgive them. I reserve the right to scream in outrage," Levy shouted. He maintained that Shamir's present aim was to "drive me out of the party. This he shall never succeed in doing. This party is my home. It is my fortress. It is my source of power. I have the absolute majority in the party."

Sources in the Shamir side accused

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Five die in French 93-vehicle collision

COURTENAY, France (AP). - Ninety-three vehicles collided in a chain-reaction accident on a foggy highway yesterday, killing five people and injuring 70 others. At least five vehicles caught fire, and officers said three people were burned alive. The accident occurred about 180 kilometres south of Paris.

Arab states urged to absorb Palestinians

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. - A senior state Department official has publicly called on Arab states to absorb Palestinian refugees "as brother Arabs worthy of citizenship."

Edward Derwinski, counsellor at the State Department, told reporters on Friday that would be the "humanitarian" and "logical" step in resolving the Palestinian refugee problem.

Derwinski, a former Congressman, has just returned from a world study tour on several refugee problems. Israel and Jordan were on his itinerary.

At the Foreign Press Centre, he repeatedly praised the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (Unrwa) for helping the Palestinian refugees. But Derwinski lamented that the refugees had remained in camps for nearly 40 years.

"With all due respect to all the world's diplomats who have tried hard in the last 40 years to solve that problem in the Middle East, what we have to stress is that we cannot forget the continuing refugee problem and our responsibilities to the people who are helpless refugees."

"I'm making a very obvious observation that the political realities of the Middle East are that: Israel is there to stay; Israel is not going to be driven into the sea; Israel is not going to be crushed by the PLO or by any of its Arab neighbours."

He said it would be humanitarian, practical and mutually beneficial for all concerned if the Palestinian refugees were accepted as brother Arabs worthy of citizenship.



Some 500 rescuers toiled through the night in an attempt to free about 100 people trapped in the rubble of a six-storey Singapore hotel which collapsed yesterday, killing at least one person. The hotel catered mostly to low-budget tourists from Malaysia and India.

Exam mooted for all new doctors

By JUDY SIEGEL
The Health Ministry is considering a controversial proposal to require all newly qualified doctors, and all new immigrant doctors, to take a uniform examination before they are granted licences to practise here. The Jerusalem Post has learned.

Most physicians from Western countries receive their licences to practise here within a short period, if they have a diploma from a recognized medical school in their former country of residence. But doctors

from Eastern bloc countries, where the standard of medicine is usually lower, must complete a period of study before they qualify.

Israeli medical students who study abroad also receive their licences with little difficulty if they are graduates of recognized schools. Graduates of local medical schools receive their licence automatically.

Although confirming The Post's information, the Health Ministry declined to explain why it was considering the exam system for doctors, and whether there have been any prob-

lems regarding physicians' qualifications, which had prompted the proposed tightening up of regulations. But Prof. Dan Michaeli, director-general of the ministry, told The Post that the step would be taken with the full consultation with the Israel Medical Association.

There is likely to be some resentment among immigrant doctors from the West over having to take exams to get a licence.

But such tests are accepted in a number of developed countries, including the U.S.

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French Socialists expected to lose absolute majority to the Right Mitterrand-Assembly clash likely after election today

PARIS (AP). - Frenchmen vote today for a new National Assembly in an election that may put the country's constitution to the greatest test it has faced since it was written 28 years ago.

The Socialists are believed certain to lose the absolute majority they have held in the lower house of parliament for the past five years. The main question is whether the conservative and centrist opposition can win enough seats for solid control.

If they do, as polls predict, the foundation will have been laid for a conflict between a conservative parliament and premier and the Socialist

president, Francois Mitterrand, who still has two years remaining of his seven-year term.

At stake are 577 seats in the Assembly, the house that wields virtually all legislative power. In a simultaneous election, voters will choose representatives to local councils in France's 22 domestic and four overseas administrative regions.

The Socialists hope to win 30 per cent of the vote, which would make them the largest party in France, but leave them far short of a ruling majority.

The major issues, unemployment and the economy, have been largely overshadowed by the debate over

how Mitterrand might work with an eventual conservative premier.

The president has said that if the opposition wins he will choose a head of government from its ranks. The potential for conflict lies in the powers given the premier and president.

The constitution says the president presides over the cabinet, but it also gives the premier and his government the power to determine and conduct national policy. The president must sign all new laws, but he has no effective veto power.

It is unlikely that Mitterrand will be able to preside over a government whose platform calls for changing

many of the socialist programmes of the past five years by privatizing nationalized companies, reducing taxes on corporations and the rich, and eliminating price and exchange controls.

Rightist leaders, with the exception of former premier Raymond Barre, say they are prepared to try to work with Mitterrand.

Mitterrand's resignation and an early presidential election would spell trouble for the right, however. A fight for the presidency among a number of conservative leaders, including Barre and RPR leader Jacques Chirac, could seriously split their ranks at a crucial time.

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BRUSSELS	-1	30	45	Clear
BUENOS AIRES	19	26	33	Cloudy
CHICAGO	0	33	48	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	4	39	54	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	4	39	54	Cloudy
GENEVA	-1	27	42	Cloudy
HONG KONG	22	22	27	Cloudy
JERUSALEM	15	15	20	Cloudy
LONDON	0	32	47	Cloudy
MADRID	6	32	47	Cloudy
MONTREAL	0	32	47	Cloudy
NEW YORK	4	39	54	Cloudy
OSLO	0	32	47	Cloudy
PARIS	2	34	49	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	28	28	33	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	1	34	49	Cloudy
TOKYO	1	34	49	Cloudy
TORONTO	1	34	49	Cloudy
VIENNA	1	34	49	Cloudy
ZURICH	0	32	47	Cloudy

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Haifa Port	16-20	19
Tiberias	12-25	24
Nazareth	11-16	16
Afula	10-22	21
Be'er Sheva	11-18	16
Tel Aviv	12-20	19
B-G Airport	11-20	19
Jericho	14-25	24
Gaza	14-19	18
Beersheba	12-20	19
Eilat	14-25	24

Israel cool on Zia's call to PLO

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Foreign Ministry sources are not too enthusiastic about Pakistan President Zia ul-Haq's reported statement, urging the PLO to recognize Israel.

Israel's policy was and remains not to negotiate with the PLO, said ministry sources. Zia, they noted, had not urged Jordan or even Syria to open talks with and recognize Israel. "It would have been more positive had he done this."

The sources did not relate to the fact that it was a major Moslem leader who had implicitly urged recognition of Israel. They focused only on the PLO link in the Zia statement.

Bonn defence chief to visit in April

BONN. - West German Defence Minister Manfred Woerner is to examine the possibility of increased military cooperation when he visits Israel next month.

Sources in Bonn told The Jerusalem Post that the visit would be the first to Israel by a German defence minister and was not "routine."

PRICES

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The officials added they could already point to price rises of 0.5 to 0.75 per cent for March. These stemmed from price changes recently introduced by the government, including increases in the price of public transport and new cars.

The CPI rise for last month was due mainly to price increases in fresh produce, housing and food products.

In accordance with the rise in the CPI, the Treasury has increased the travel tax, which goes up at midnight to NIS 179. For travellers to Romania, the tax will be NIS 78.

HERUT RIFT

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Levy of "continuing to demagogically distort the truth."

The sources claimed that Levy's contention that he has a majority "is patently absurd. Internal elections in Herut are personal and no one can know the loyalty of each delegate. That is part of the problem. In the convention, there were two contests. One - the race for chairman of the party presidency - was won by Katsav of the Shamir side. The other - for mandates committee chairman - was won by Sharon for the Levy-Sharon alliance. It is doubtful to what extent the Sharon victory indicates the balance of forces, because of the personal-emotional appeal involved. But at worst, all that can be said is that there is a tie between the Shamir camp and the Levy-Sharon camp," the Shamir side claimed last night.

Liberal chief Yitzhak Moda'i proposed from Switzerland over the weekend that instead of a second session of the Herut convention, there should be a convention of a unified Likud, with the Liberals joining in. Moda'i has been seeking an immediate merger of the two parties.

Herut secretariat chairman Yoram Aridor said yesterday on Kol Israel that "I don't understand Moda'i's eagerness to merge with a torn party." He said that the internal rift must be healed before anything else was done.

To the Reverend Father CARLO CECCHITELLI O.M.
On the occasion of your 25th year in the priesthood, our respectful good wishes.
Jack Saleh and Family

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Kach supporters mar funeral of murdered soldier

PETAH TIKVA. - Meir Kahane and his Kach supporters on Friday attempted to make political capital at the funeral of David Manos, the soldier who had been missing for a year-and-a-half and whose body was discovered last week in a cave near Jericho, on the West Bank.

Several score Kach members congregated outside the Segula cemetery here shortly before the funeral. Their leader said that he had requested that Kahane be permitted to eulogize the dead soldier, who was the victim of Palestinian terrorists. Permission was not granted.

When it was learned that Kahane was scheduled to be present at the funeral, a large body of police and Border Police were rushed to the



Issachar Manos at his son's funeral on Friday. (Israel Sun)

scene. During the funeral, Kach members, relatives of the deceased soldier and others were soon involved in verbal altercations. At one point, MK Michael Eitan (Likud), who eulogized Manos, was forced to stop because of the noise.

Some of the mourners accused Eitan of being part of the establishment which they felt had been responsible for besmirching the soldier's memory and his family name during his disappearance, when doubts had been expressed as to his fate. Others accused Eitan of seeking to inject politics into a painful occasion.

Eitan said: "We must step up our war against the terrorists and those who aid them. Is this liberalism real-

ly the way to deal with them, rather than taking strong measures and expelling them?"

When the large crowd left the cemetery, Kahane was outside trying to persuade mourners of the correctness of his opinions. But few remained to argue or be persuaded.

Manos' father Issachar later complained that Kahane and his people were trying to make political capital out of the family's misfortune. "We aren't interested in demonstrations. This is a day of mourning, and there should be no room for politics in it."

He said that Kahane's people had demanded that the funeral be postponed until Sunday because they hadn't succeeded in obtaining a permit from the police to demonstrate on Friday. (Itim)

Murder suspects claim police extracted confessions by force

By BARBARA AMOUYAL

For The Jerusalem Post
Two suspects who had admitted to taking part in the murder on January 30 of police Sergeant-Major Avraham Bayazi, claimed on Friday in the Jerusalem Magistrates Court that their confessions had been extracted by force and were therefore inadmissible as evidence.

Omar Faraj, who is suspected of having driven the car that

approached Bayazi, police intelligence chief for the Old City, and, possibly, of firing the automatic weapon that killed him, ended his week-long hunger strike on Friday. Faraj, 21, or Silwan, was protesting against what his lawyer described as police brutality and unfair treatment at the lock-up.

Faraj insisted on court Friday that police had beaten and kicked him and threatened to harm his family if

he didn't confess and re-enact the crime.

Mahmoud Nurim, 25, of Azaria, was brought to court on Friday in a wheelchair, with a cast on his leg. He was shot by an IDF patrol as he tried to cross into Jordan, near Jericho, shortly after Bayazi's murder.

Nurim insisted that his confession last Thursday had also been extracted by force.

Police strongly rejected the men's allegations of brutality. Referring to Nurim's complaints, an investigator told The Post: "He can't even get out of his chair without help; so how could we possibly have beaten him and extracted his confession by force."

Jerusalem Magistrates Judge Daniella Vexler remanded the two for an additional 15 days.

Haifa Orthodox to take cableway dispute to High Court

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. - Local Orthodox leaders are determined to take the question of the Sabbath operation of the city's new cableway to the High Court of Justice, in an attempt to block the city council's plan to sell it so that it can be operated on Shabbat.

The council is due to decide on the issue today, following last week's appeal by Prime Minister Peres to

Mayor Arye Gurel not to violate the religious status quo in the city.

Minister of Labour Moshe Katsav has said that he would not issue a Sabbath work permit to the project's operators. The cable-car was completed seven months ago at a cost of \$3m. It has been standing idle through the winter because no buyer was willing to invest in it if it could not be operated on Shabbat when most visitors are expected.

The Orthodox lobby is planning to ask the High Court to prevent the city from selling the project, unless such a sale is conditional on observance of the restrictions dictated by the religious status quo.

They argue that the buyers' intention of bringing in a non-Jewish partner to operate the cable-car would be "eye wash," as the controlling interest would still be Jewish.

They are to ask the court to order the mayor, and the ministers of labour and police to enforce the Sabbath rest regulations for the cableway, should the owners try to operate it without the special Sabbath work permit.

Finally they are to argue that violating the status quo against the will of the government would harm public policy, which the mayor is in duty bound to honour.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Nina Katzir buried

REHOVOT (Itim). - Hundreds of mourners attended the funeral here on Friday of Nina Katzir, wife of former president Ephraim Katzir. Among those present were President Chaim Herzog and Education Minister Yitzhak Navon, who succeeded Katzir as president.

Eulogizing Nina Katzir, Education Minister Yitzhak Navon said: "We take leave of you, as you requested, with a sad smile." Shmueli praised Katzir's role as an innovative educator.

Eugen Gerstenmaier, 79

BONN (Reuters). - The former Speaker of the Bundestag (lower house), Eugen Gerstenmaier, who was one of the founding fathers of West German democracy and an architect of reconciliation with Israel, died at the end of last week, aged 79.

Jailed under the Nazis for involvement in the 1944 bid to assassinate Hitler, Gerstenmaier became a leading member of the Christian Democrats after World War II and was speaker of the Bundestag from 1954 to 1969.

In the 1950's he campaigned for reconciliation with Israel and was involved in the negotiation of the reparations agreement.

Ramat power shutdown

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Residents of Jerusalem's Ramat neighbourhood were without electricity for seven hours on Friday when a line supplying power from the Israel Electric Corporation to the East Jerusalem Electricity Corporation was shut down for repairs.

Warnings of the 7 a.m.-3 p.m. shutdown had been issued beforehand by the East Jerusalem company. The line closed for repairs is one of two supplying electricity to the Arab-owned company from the IEC power grid.

Murder suspect escapes; escaped prisoner caught

Jerusalem Post Reporter

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Ahmed Atun, of Sur Bahir, who was being held on suspicion of murdering a Jerusalem goldsmith, David Avraham, escaped from East Jerusalem's Kishle lockup on Friday morning.

Atun was being taken to see his lawyer, but contrary to standing orders, was not handcuffed. He exploited the opportunity and bolted out of the lockup, disappearing in the Old City's crowded alleys.

Summer time committee said divided on findings

The committee appointed by Minister of Interior Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz to study the question of summer time, is apparently divided in its opinion and members are expected to submit separate recommendations within the next few days.

Committee member Moshe Amirav, the former director of the Road Safety Authority, has submitted findings showing that early implementation of summer time could save the lives of 10 persons, and prevent an additional 190 injuries on the roads.

Amirav's findings are based on a Technion study showing that the implementation of summer time in the past two years had led to a three per cent reduction in road accidents.

Amirav has urged that summer time begin on April 1. (Itim)

Sailor faces charges of desertion in U.S.

"I'm willing to go back to the U.S. and face my punishment. I only hope it will be light so that I can get out quick and marry my Israeli love," Danny Stuart, 28, of Springfield, Missouri said Thursday. Stuart faces a U.S. navy courtmartial, after his return home today for deserting his Sixth Fleet ship three years ago.

Stuart met and fell in love with Iris Kaplan of Ramat Aviv during a

weekend furlough in Haifa in 1983. He never rejoined his ship and U.S. Navy and Embassy officials had been searching for him ever since.

Stuart gave himself up to U.S. Embassy officials in Tel Aviv last week. He was reported to be cooperating with police who, at the embassy's request, filed for a deportation order. He faces a maximum of four years imprisonment.

State ordered to reveal if it holds terrorist

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The High Court of Justice has ordered the state to reveal within 15 days if it is holding a terrorist who was allegedly captured off the coast of Tel Aviv last April.

The order was issued on Thursday following a petition by a West Bank relative of the terrorist.

Attorney Felicia Langer told the court that Mohammed Fu'ad Sabani was one of eight terrorists taken prisoner after the Israel Navy sank their boat. The terrorists, including

20 who drowned, had been on a mission to attack targets in Israel.

Langer said that Sabani had appeared on Israel Television. She also said he had been seen by a Lebanese man who had been imprisoned in Israel and had since returned to Beirut.

State attorney Renato Jarch told the court that the authorities were not holding anyone by the name cited in the petition. The court suggested that he be tracked down using a photograph.

Hamra residents today to end shut-down

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The residents of Hamra in the northern sector of the Jordan Valley will today open the gate to their settlement, thus ending a five day shut-down in their fight for aid to solve their financial difficulties.

The settlers decided to end the shut-down at a meeting last night, after receiving word that the co-chairman of World Zionist Organization's settlement department, Nissim Zevili, would meet them today - if they open the gates.

About 35 families live in Hamra, and the settlement's debts total between \$6-7 million.

Unidentified woman badly wounded in Negev

BEERSHEBA. - A young woman was found unconscious and badly injured yesterday afternoon in the Kibbutz Revivim orchards south of Beersheba.

The young woman has not yet been identified, but police investigators believe that she is not Israeli. They suspect a criminal offence rather than a terrorist attack.

Doctors at Soroka Hospital to which she was taken described her condition as critical. She has serious head and brain injuries and a bullet wound in her hand.

London report: Syria not planning attack

LONDON. - Syria has no plans for immediate military action against Israel, according to Western diplomats based in Damascus. A report in The Observer today says the diplomats have seen no evidence of any Syrian military moves in the Golan area.

One unnamed senior diplomat is reported as saying that Assad's recent talk of regaining the Golan by force is "largely a response to Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres's visits to the area last month and the arrest of a number of the local (Druse) inhabitants."



Crews of Sea Scouts participate in a weekend regatta in Jaffa port. Scouts from Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Herzliya, Haifa and Tiberias took part. (Ya'acov Shalev)

Shamir soon to visit Finland

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir is to make an official visit to Finland "in the near future," the ministry's spokesman said on Friday.

This followed talks here between Shamir and Finnish Foreign Minister Paavo Vayrynen, who invited Shamir for a reciprocal visit. Vayrynen is the first Finnish foreign minister to visit here.

The two ministers also agreed that a delegation of Israeli businessmen and trade officials would visit Helsinki soon with an eye to substantially increasing bilateral trade.

Basic differences over Unifil surfaced in Friday's conversations between Shamir and Vayrynen. Shamir said that Unifil, which has a

Finnish contingent, is "highly inefficient." Vayrynen supported the existence and functioning of Unifil and said that Finland supported the "territorial integrity" of Lebanon. This implied criticism of Israel's continued, if limited, presence in South Lebanon and, possibly, also of Syria's more massive presence in East Lebanon.

Vayrynen, according to Foreign Ministry sources, conveyed what he called Finland's "balanced approach" to the Middle East conflict, upholding both Israel's right to exist in security, and "the legitimate national rights" of the Palestinian people. Vayrynen also supported the inclusion of the PLO in Middle East peace talks.

Amman summit reported to heal Jordan-PLO rift

Post Middle East Staff

An Arab summit is to be held shortly in Amman to try to bridge the differences between Jordan and the PLO, the East Jerusalem Arabic newspaper *an-Nahar* reported on Friday.

Citing "reliable sources," the paper - known for its close ties with Jordan - said that participants at the summit would include Jordan's King Hussein, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Moroccan King Hassan II.

The summit will also discuss the

latest developments in the Iran-Iraq war.

"Intense contacts are being held behind the scenes to prepare for the summit," the paper said.

The paper also reported that Hussein is soon to meet with Mubarak in Egypt to prepare for the summit.

In April, after his meeting with Mubarak, Hussein is to meet Arafat in a separate effort to improve relations between Jordan and the PLO. Radio Monte Carlo said yesterday, citing the Saudi newspaper *al-Shark al-Awsat*, Arafat met Saudi Arabian King Fahd in Riyadh yesterday.

Turkish sailors admit they carried hashish

ANTAKYA, Turkey (AP). - Turkish crewmen confessed during interrogation that their boat, intercepted by an Israeli patrol vessel a month ago, carried 500 kilograms of hashish, the Hurriyet news agency reported yesterday.

The Israeli vessel opened fire on the small Turkish boat near the coast of the Gaza Strip and killed the Turkish captain when the Turks refused to heed calls to stop.

Seven crewmen were interrogated by police in this southeastern province after they arrived in Turkey, the dispatch added.

The crewmen were quoted as saying the hashish had been thrown overboard following calls from the Israeli vessel to stop.

The crewmen said they had not known where the drugs were to have been unloaded and that only the captain had had that information. Hurriyet reported.

Israeli military sources announced after the incident that the boat had been forced to stop because of suspicions that it was carrying smugglers or Palestinian guerrillas.

French hostages could be freed 'in weeks'

DAMASCUS (AP). - Independent French mediator Razah Raad left for Paris yesterday carrying proposals to his government which, if accepted, could secure the release in "two or three weeks" of some French hostages held by Shi'ite terrorists in Beirut.

Raad said that one of the kidnappers' main demands had been a change in French policy over the Gulf war. They want "an opening of France towards Iran and a policy of neutrality towards the Iran-Iraq conflict," he said.

The official Syrian Arab news agency, Sana, said two "extraordinary" French envoys had met yesterday afternoon with Syrian President Hafez Assad and handed him a message from President Francois Mitterrand.

Islamic Jihad said in a statement released in Beirut on Friday that it was giving the French government a "last chance" to meet its demands for freeing the Frenchmen it has been holding for between 10 and 12 months.

No agreement on Labour position on Jordan and Palestinians

By ROY ISACOWITZ

TEL AVIV. - The committee preparing the Labour Party's diplomatic platform for the forthcoming convention failed to reach agreement on Friday on the party's position on peace with Jordan and the Palestinians.

After several hours of debate, it was decided to establish a sub-committee to draft a proposal on the

issue. The draft will be submitted to the full committee at its next meeting.

The committee split along familiar hawks and doves lines, with the latter arguing that Labour should announce its willingness to meet with all Palestinians who recognize Israel, and the hawks calling for an explicit veto of the PLO.

Other differences emerged regarding the party's stands on future peace with Lebanon and Syria. The doves' demands that the security zone in south Lebanon and settlement on the Golan Heights not be mentioned in the policy statement was overruled.

The final resolution on Lebanon referred to Israel's readiness for peace with Lebanon within the existing borders. Israel, it said, will

maintain the security zone under the local forces for as long as required by security conditions.

The resolution on the Golan Heights says that Israel is ready to hold peace talks with Syria without pre-conditions. Israel, it continues, sees the holding of the Golan as necessary to its security and will continue strengthening settlement there.

National Parks Authority

Due to the annual maintenance check the Masada cable car will not operate on

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The Family

Conservatives bid for 'rightful place' in Israeli establishment

By MOSHE KOHN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Philanthropy is important. But even philanthropy must be done from a religious perspective and in a religious context if it is really to fill one's life. Even so-called secular activities have to be done in a religious way. We must find religious answers to many heavy 'secular' problems such as alcoholism, drug abuse, battered wives, divorce. We have to deal with these things as halachic Jews."

The speaker was not a representative of the Israeli or any other Orthodox establishment, nor even a rabbi of any persuasion. He was the president of the Conservative movement's United Synagogue of America, 45-year-old lawyer Franklin Kreutzer, of Miami, Florida.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, he held forth enthusiastically, militantly, about the halachic nature of his movement and about the determination of its leaders to gain for it what they regard as its rightful place, at least equal with that of Orthodox, in the Jewish establishment in general, and in the Zionist and Israeli establishments in particular.

"We're tired of second-class citizenship in the Zionist Movement," Kreutzer said impassionedly.

If in earlier years the Conservative

movement seemed to fight its battle here primarily by rhetoric, today it is doing so from a growing and deepening presence in Israel. And, Kreutzer said, "if we are to be a truly international movement, our permanent anchor must be in Israel. And we'll probably eventually transfer our base from North America to Israel. For Israel is the seat of Jewish influence. Previously, our struggle could have been characterized as one to export Conservatism from America. Based in Israel, our ideas will emanate to the world."

The Conservative movement here — or the Movement of Masorati Judaism in Israel, as it calls itself, claims 40 congregations, including Kibbutz Hanaton in Galilee, with about 3,500 member-households, embracing some 10-12,000 men, women and children.

Diapora members participate in a variety of programmes here. More than 1,200 young people come every summer in the movement's United Synagogue Youth and Ramah camp programmes, "the largest activity of its kind," according to the United Synagogue's Israel director, Rabbi Pesach Schindler.

Kreutzer and Schindler claim that 60 to 70 per cent of the Hebrew University's students from overseas are from Conservative families. The movement has a full-time rabbi on the campus in a Hillel Foundation-



Franklin Kreutzer

type programme of its own.

The United Synagogue Nativ programme, with 26 young men and women participating this year, offers college credits from the Hebrew University transferable to North American universities.

The "Shai" (Schechter Yerushalayim) programme is to bring scores of educators from the movement's Solomon Schechter day schools in North America here every summer for an intensive programme of academic study and Israeli experience, under the auspices of the (Orthodox-run) World Zionist Organization Department of Tora Education and Culture in the Diaspora. The movement has 70 such schools, with 15,000 pupils and 850 educators. A "Shai" pilot group was here last summer, and the move-

ment's leaders are pleased with the results. This summer, the United Synagogue of America is to send its first Young Leadership mission here.

The movement is a member of the WZO through its Mercat Zionit organization, which is represented in the WZO and Jewish Agency governing bodies.

"We are definitely and conclusively a part of the Zionist and Israeli scenes," Kreutzer asserted. "And we want the same treatment as the Orthodox."

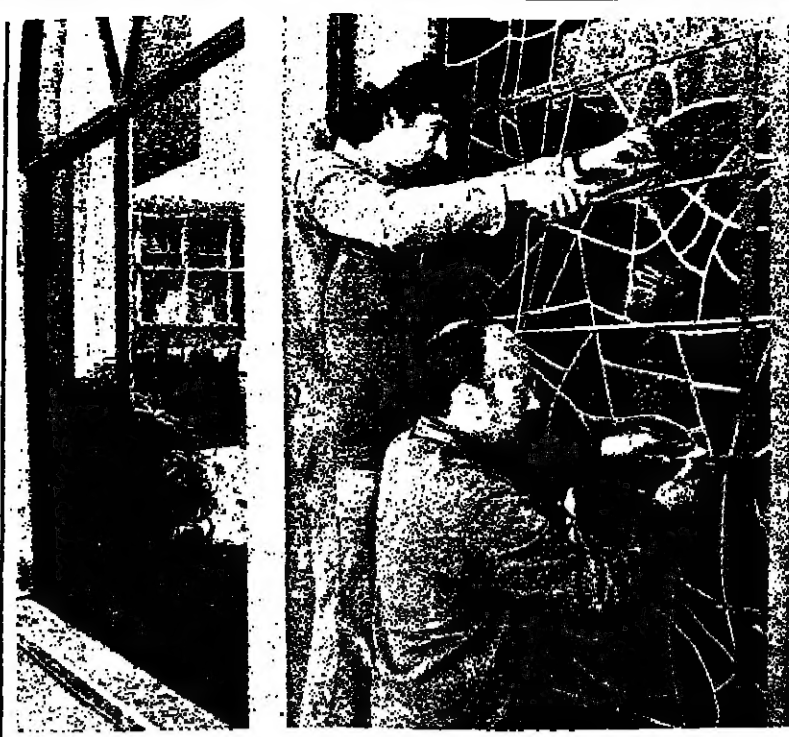
He was alluding to the fact that none of the movement's representatives in the WZO or Agency holds any portfolio; that it has no WZO emissaries in its day-schools, such as the Orthodox schools have; that Conservative rabbis — and, therefore, the marriages, divorces and conversions over which they officiate — are not recognized by the Israeli establishment; that rabbinical students at the movement's Seminary of Judaic Studies and Neveh Schechter are not granted the same governmental or Jewish Agency assistance as is given to students at yeshivot and kollelim. "Our people (variously estimated at between 1.5 and 2 million) are getting restless," Kreutzer said.

But he was not referring only to the above-mentioned disabilities. He meant also the growing religious

sensibilities and increasing religious demands of Conservative Jews.

He said: "They're getting so that they want secular matters done in a religious way. Even if the business agenda of a meeting does not include specifically religious matters, they want the meeting opened with a *dvar Tora* (religious-scholarly discussion). If the meeting includes a meal, they want the appropriate blessings said before and after. More and more people know the *Birkat Hamazon* (the after-meal service) by heart. And we're trying to find ways to improve our handling of various social problems on a professional level and from a religious standpoint. Jewish alcoholics, drug addicts and the like don't find understanding, professional treatment in the Jewish community, they'll go to the Christian institutions that have been offering it for a long time. Many Jewish institutions have had their heads in the sand about these problems."

For many young persons, Kreutzer continued, "the only Jewish outlet is the Federation (which raises funds for Israel and for local Jewish causes). Now, fund-raising is important, but it cannot be the keystone. Our philanthropic activity must also have its religious stand, it must be conducted in its traditional Jewish-religious-ethical context."



Experts from the Jacques Simon Atelier of Paris last week reinstall a panel from the Chagall windows at Hadassah Hospital in Ein Karem — one of 34, out of a total of 140, that had faded and have been sent to Paris for refurbishing. (Avi Hayoun)

Spectre of Kahane likely to dominate AACI's convention

By MOSHE KOHN

The spectre of Knesset Member Meir Kahane rather than that of the dwindling aliyah is likely to occupy centre stage at the 25th annual convention of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI) at Kfar Hamaccabiah. The two-day convention begins tomorrow.

The convention's stated central theme is "AACI 1986: New Directions?" One major new direction hinted at in that title is involvement by the AACI's organs or constituent bodies in controversial political issues.

Most of the *Landmannschaft's* leadership seems to favour such involvement, indicated by the national board's recent adoption of a statement condemning racism in Israel, specifically what was come to be known as "Kahanism."

Publication of this statement in the AACI's regional bulletins, under the title "AACI statement on racism," earlier this year, set off a storm of protest by members. This was intensified by the publication in the just-issued pre-convention regional

bulletins of a statement by AACI national president Rabbi Henry Skirball defending the board's action. He said that "Kahane's racism is not a partisan issue," but, as he told *The Jerusalem Post*, "a moral one." This view, and the board's right and duty to issue such a statement, are supported by many members.

But a resolution submitted by a member of the AACI's northern region and placed on the convention's agenda says: "The AACI should refrain from taking positions on controversial matters not directly related to aliyah and absorption."

Prime Minister Peres is to address the convention on Monday evening. Earlier in the day, there will be a discussion on the convention's stated theme by three panelists.

According to the AACI, 60,000 North Americans, including children and grandchildren who may have been born here to persons of North American origin, live in Israel. Last year 2,377 olim came, including 202 from Canada, down from 1984's 2,765 and 236 respectively.

'Stricter precautions would prevent many terror attacks'

B-G Airport cited as security model

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

On June 23, 1985, a Sikh checked in at Vancouver airport for a flight to Montreal. He told the check-in attendant that he would be continuing his journey on an Air India flight from Montreal to Bombay, and asked that his luggage be transferred for him, to save him the trouble of collecting his bags and checking them in again for the second leg of his flight.

The attendant hesitated, pointing out that the passenger did not have a confirmed ticket for the Air India flight. But the man insisted and the attendant relented.

The Sikh did not board the Air India flight in Montreal — but his explosive-laden baggage did. The plane blew up and 329 people were killed.

Professor Jean-Louis Magdelenat cites this case when discussing incidents of air terrorism that could easily have been prevented had the recommended precautions for air security been fully implemented at the world's airports.

"Of course, Canada never expected that it might be the victim of a terror attack, and security prior to the Air India disaster was not as rigorous as it could have been," says Magdelenat, in Jerusalem for last week's second International Conference on the Legal Aspects of Tourism and Travel.

"If someone tried the same play

today, he wouldn't succeed in Canada," he said in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*. But, the would-be terrorist would have a good chance of success at numerous airports around the world. "Airport security is expensive, it's inconvenient for staff and passengers, it causes delay, people complain. So except for places such as Ben-Gurion, precautions are relaxed when it appears that there is no specific risk of a terror attack."

Magdelenat, assistant director of McGill University's Institute of Air and Space Law, and an expert on air safety, believes that it is impossible to completely prevent hijackings and terror attacks, but is certain that if El Al style security was the norm, the phenomenon would be far less common.

Later this week, Magdelenat says, new International Civil Aviation Organization regulations come into force, making many recommended airport security measures compulsory. For example, governments will be required to take full responsibility for security at their airports, rather than sub-contracting to airlines or private security firms.

Within a year, he adds, new regulations on the checking-in of baggage will be implemented, outlawing the direct transfer of baggage and thus foiling such attempts as the Air India disaster.

Magdelenat points out that despite three UN conventions obliging

states to prosecute or extradite terrorist apprehended within their borders, many states are still reluctant to take punitive actions.

"A small state can often be subjected to tremendous threats and pressures if it jails a terrorist. In some cases, governments would much rather slip the terrorists over the border and rid themselves of such pressures, especially when the terror act was committed outside their borders."

To counter such pressures on a single state, various proposals have been made for an international criminal court of justice, and for an international jailing system.

Magdelenat is slightly critical of the media, which he says has played into hijacker's hands in the past by giving them massive publicity.

"In several cases in the UK, he says, the kidnapping of businessmen was not reported until their release was secured. A news blackout makes life a lot easier for authorities trying to deal with a hijacking. Still," he admits, "hijackers often insist on reading messages over the radio and on television."

Despite the new security regulations being introduced, Magdelenat is not optimistic as regards the future. "However tight the security, there is always the feeling, as in Canada prior to Air India, that 'it can't happen here.' That feeling leads to slackness, and slack airport security is an invitation to terror."

Protection proposed for stranded tourists

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Eighty participants from 17 countries attended last week's second tourism and travel conference, organized by Dov Kolani, legal adviser to the Tourism Ministry.

Kolani told *The Jerusalem Post* that the first conference, also in Jerusalem, in 1983, had led to the formation of Ifita, the International Forum of Tourism and Travel Advocates, a Jerusalem-based repository of court decisions, articles and laws

from around the world which has played a major role in the advancement of tourism and travel law.

This year's conference, Kolani said, apart from discussing and passing a resolution on air terror, had also dealt with the question of bankrupt travel agencies.

"In Israel, we've seen a major firm, Koppel, go bankrupt, and 47 travel agents collapsed in the UK last year alone, leaving passengers stranded all over the world," Kolani said.

"This conference has proposed the establishment, in every country, of a comprehensive insurance system to ensure that compensatory funds are available in the event of a travel agent's collapse."

It is also hoped that these funds will cooperate internationally so that, for example, if an Israeli were stranded in England because an Israeli travel agent had gone bankrupt, the English fund would pay for his return flight and would later be reimbursed by the Israeli fund.

Don't give tea to infants

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Infants should not be given tea to drink because it can increase their chances of becoming anemic, according to a study by the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Public Health and Community Medicine.

The tannin in tea (though not herbal or flower-based teas) has been experimentally shown to bind the iron in milk, vegetables, cereals and iron-rich medicines, thus preventing its absorption into the body. Iron from meat and poultry is absorbed through a different mechanism, and is not affected by tea drinking.

Since iron in the diet of young infants who are not yet eating meat comes only from dairy foods, cereals and vegetables, infants should not be served tea, which may cause iron deficiency anemia. Even if tea is not

completely removed from the infant's diet, it should not be given for several hours before or after meals, the researchers recommend.

The study, by Dr. Hava Palti of the department of social medicine and Dr. Yona Amitai and Dr. Nadav Merhav of the department of pediatrics and child care, surveyed 122 Israeli infants aged from six months to a year who were regularly given tea to drink. There was a significant correlation between tea drinking and the occurrence of anemia in these infants, the study found.

Giving infants tea in their baby bottles is very common; it is cheap and handy when taking the baby out. Milk can't be kept long outside the refrigerator before it becomes dangerous, but tea does not deteriorate. Many mothers also sweeten the tea, which makes their babies addicted to sugar at a very early age and damages their milk teeth.

The TV impact of Herut's trauma

Friday night's television round-up of the Herut convention by Uri Goldstein was manifestly a snow job, designed to present the convention as just another dramatic political gathering. Viewers saw no physical violence, no assaults, no smashing of tables and microphones, no howling down of speakers, no *punch* by David Magen's bully boys.

It was all very respectable. Prime Minister Shimon Peres wished Herut luck in its deliberations. Strong speeches were interspersed with emotional old Herut and Lehi songs that moved the contestants for the Herut crown to many tears.

Did this interpretation of the convention come too late?

Night after night last week, viewers saw a very different type of gathering, one reminiscent of riot scenes by Betar Jerusalem supporters when a referee awards a clearly unjust penalty against their team in the last stages of a crucial soccer game. The violence that horrified so many participants and onlookers alike, at the convention, according to newspaper reports, was shared via television by hundreds of thousands of viewers.

At the recent colloquium of Jewish writers, Daniel Schor, the famous American commentator, made the point that television gave an added dimension to events. Whatever happened in the absence of TV cameras was a non-event. He quoted the success of the South African government in dampening world interest in the brutality of its police by the simple device of banning television coverage. There is an old philosophical debate about whether a tree that falls in the forest when nobody is there to witness it really makes a noise. The modern version is that nothing "really" happens unless it is filmed by a TV camera.

Despite TV reporter Goldstein's attempted Friday cover-up, the TV

cameras had been there earlier, and had shown the reactions of David Levy's mob when Ronnie Milo and Yitzhak Shamir tried to speak. It is significant that nobody in Herut has complained that the daily convention coverage was distorted.

Sometimes the impact of television coverage can change history. The brutal suppression by mayor Daly's police of demonstrations outside the Democratic convention in Chicago in 1968 may have influenced the outcome of the presidential election that year. Will the bringing of the Herut convention into the homes of all Israelis prove to be a similar trauma for the nation?

Acquaintances whom I asked about the convention revealed a sense of profound shock. Liberals, whom I expected to be delighted by the interneecine war in Herut, were more apprehensive than pleased. "Levy and Sharon have introduced a new element into Israeli politics — the street," one of them said to me. "It is not a question of Sephardim versus Ashkenazim, of the poor against the rich. It's the street subverting the democratic process. They are turning us into a Middle East country, a white-collar Ashkenazi who voted for the Likud told me, "It was terrible. It was not only bad for our image in the world. It was bad for our self-image at home."

Sephardi workers, who support Likud and Betar Jerusalem, were amused, but somewhat ashamed. One of them said, "It was a zoo." Another, "A circus." "Would it affect the way they voted? They smiled and shrugged."

I asked veteran pollster Hanoch

Smith whether he had done a survey of reactions to the coverage, or was contemplating one. He is doing a wider survey of whether there has been any shift in attitudes as a result of the convention. "I asked him to provide his own educated guess about the impact on viewers of seeing the convention violence on television."

"This is purely a personal opinion, not a scientific answer," he said. "It was very ugly, and people were shocked. In the U.S. TV covers the party conventions, but the Americans do things with more style. I can't remember seeing such scenes in the U.S."

"But the problem with television is that, while the impact it makes at the time is very great, it can be ephemeral. TV goes on night after night. Tomorrow night you see something else — in a few weeks time you forget a programme or news item that affected you very much at the time. If this coverage produces any lasting change in voting attitudes, I think it will only be slight — provided Herut manage to paper over their differences."

"The real test is how they handle affairs now. If they can appear in the public eye to have patched up their differences, they may succeed in blurring the memory of the violence. The convention can then be presented as an argument between brothers who are nevertheless devoted to a common cause. Can they resolve their differences? We must wait and see."

On the night after the convention, we saw Ariel Sharon and Arens shaking hands before the TV cameras. Then David Levy spoke about the common loyalty to the party. Afterwards we got Uri Goldstein's look back in gentleness at what happened. So Smith may be right: if Herut set their house in order, the shock of what viewers saw may fade away.

153 shipyard workers to begin forced leave

HAIFA. — Some 153 Israeli Shipyard workers are to begin a two-week vacation from today under an agreement reached between the works committees and the yard's new general manager Ze'ev Almog. The workers will receive only one week's holiday pay.

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Shultz, Ryzhkov meet in Stockholm

STOCKHOLM (AP). — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov, in Stockholm for the funeral of Olof Palme, met yesterday for talks expected to include the date of this year's superpower summit.

After standing for photographs, the two officials and their parties retired to a dining room of the Soviet Embassy, where they were expected to meet for about an hour.

Shultz said on his way to Stockholm earlier in the day that he was ready to discuss the fixing of a summit date and other knotty issues with Ryzhkov, but did not expect to negotiate a breakthrough on nuclear

weapons curbs.

With the arms talks stalemated, Shultz and Ryzhkov held the first high-level U.S.-Soviet meeting in four months.

Through less personal diplomatic channels, the two sides have been unable to agree on the timing for this year's summit meeting between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Washington.

On the flight to Stockholm, however, Shultz told reporters he hoped to get an initial response from the Soviet premier on Reagan's latest proposal to Gorbachev on underground nuclear testing. He

noted the meeting with Ryzhkov was "not a negotiating meeting."

The meeting also, was not to be a substitute for a session he expected to have in the future with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, Shultz said.

Shultz said the Soviets had not responded to American suggestions on a date for that meeting.

Asked if he would be willing to discuss the snagged summit preparations, Shultz replied: "Certainly. Whether Mr. Ryzhkov will have any information on it I don't know. But I'll be glad to listen to anything he has to say."

Former Marcos aides cut ties, form new Philippines party

MANILA (AP). — A top political strategist of ousted president Ferdinand Marcos launched a new political party yesterday and said he was severing all ties with his former boss. It is called the Philippine Nationalist Party.

Former labour minister Blas Ople pledged cooperation with the new government of President Corason Aquino as an "act of contrition."

Ople told reporters that most members of Marcos' New Society Movement felt betrayed by Marcos's "organized pillage" of the country's wealth during his 20-year rule.

In exchange for his party's support and cooperation, Ople urged Aquino, who he acknowledged has unprecedented popular support, not to proclaim a "revolutionary government" and to work with the national assembly as it is presently constituted.

Aquino's administration yesterday gave the strongest indication yet it may proclaim itself a revolutionary government, to allow it to make a clean break with the Marcos era.

An official Presidential Palace news release quoted executive secretary Joker Arroyo as saying popular support was "building up for the idea as a means of hastening the dismantling of the 'unjust structures' set up during Marcos' rule."

All of these suggestions, the release added, "indicate that people approve of this proposal," which includes the writing of a new constitution and holding new elections for a legislature to replace the existing national assembly, dominated by members of Marcos' New Society Movement.

Aquino welcomed hundreds of slum-dwellers to the Presidential Palace on Friday, fulfilling a campaign promise to open the opulent mansion to the public.

Cosmonauts dock with new Soviet space lab

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Two Soviet cosmonauts yesterday docked their spaceship Soyuz T-15 with the orbiting station Mir two days after blasting off from earth, Soviet television said.

Mission commander Leonid Kizim, 44, and engineer Vladimir Solovoyov handled the final approach themselves, rounding the station to latch onto the main docking port.

Cosmonaut Alexander Alexandrov, one of the reserve team, told an interviewer at mission control centre in Kazakhstan that the operation went so smoothly that the two craft came together several minutes ahead of schedule.

Kizim and Solovoyov are the first cosmonauts to visit Mir, which is due eventually to become the core of a permanently-manned giant space laboratory.

The Kremlin gave unusual publicity to Thursday's launch of Soyuz, which came just over six weeks after the deaths of seven U.S. astronauts in the shuttle Challenger disaster.

The lift-off from the Baikonur launching-site was announced in advance and shown live on television. In a further display of confidence, Soviet space controllers announced yesterday's docking in a live broadcast from mission control centre only minutes after the two craft had locked and before the entry port had been made airtight.

The programme for Kizim and Solovoyov, who with a third cosmonaut hold the space endurance record of 238 days, has not been made public. But it is expected to be a short one, to check that all systems were working well.

Mir has a total of six docking ports, one at each end and four on the sides. Up to six modules can be locked on to the core of the station for scientific laboratories or workshops, vastly increasing its size.



Ecuador General Frank Vargas at an impromptu press conference after capturing the Quito airbase on Thursday — a day before he was arrested after loyalist troops retook the base. (AFP telephoto)

Ecuador rebel general taken as loyalist units storm base

QUITO, Ecuador (AP). — An air force general, who seized a military base and called for the president's replacement, was under arrest yesterday after 2,000 troops retook the base in an assault that left four people dead and nine wounded.

The Friday assault on the Quito air base and the capture of Gen. Frank Vargas brought an end to his week-long confrontation with President Leon Febres Cordero, who had fired Vargas for insubordination.

Press reports said the 51-year-old Vargas, who had also been joint

armed forces chief until his dismissal, was found hiding inside the base commissary by loyalist troops who had stormed the facility.

The reports said Vargas wounded three soldiers when he fired a sub-machine gun while resisting arrest, but that he quickly surrendered when he ran out of bullets.

Vargas took the base over Thursday night, claiming the government broke an agreement that led to his surrender on Tuesday after he had barricaded himself inside another military base for five days.

Colombia leftist chief killed in shoot-out with Bogota police

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP). — Police killed the chief of the leftist April 19 movement (M-19) in a shoot-out in the capital on Thursday, when he tried to resist arrest, police said.

The police had planned to arrest Alvaro Fayad Delgado at an apartment in western Bogota, Gen. Guillermo Gonzalez, chief of Colombia's police, said in a radio interview.

A woman in the apartment also was killed in the shoot-out.

M-19, named after a 1970 election that the group claims was fraudulent, is the most active and violent of four guerrilla groups that have been fighting to overthrow successive governments for three decades. It is estimated that M-19 has 3,000 fighters.

Fayad is the third chief of the movement to be killed since the group was formed.

In another development, 30 guerrillas of the movement and four soldiers were killed on Wednesday in fighting on the outskirts of the western Colombia city of Cali, a high-ranking army source told the Associated Press.

The fighting was reported to be the fiercest seen near a major city in Colombia in the past 30 years of guerrilla warfare.

The reported casualties brought to 219 the number of guerrillas, and 28 the number of soldiers and policemen killed, since mid-January when M-19 launched its biggest offensive ever in the Cali region.

National assembly elections were held in Colombia last Sunday, and for the first time a pro-Soviet rebel group, which signed a truce with the government, entered candidates in some of the races for 311 seats in the assembly.

Baghdad: Major gains on north, south fronts

BAHRAIN. — Iran and Iraq reported renewed fighting yesterday as a UN-appointed team said Iraq had used chemical weapons on many occasions against Iranian troops in the Gulf war.

In the southern Iraqi city of Basra, a military spokesman told Reuters Iraq had retaken all territory lost in an Iranian cross-border thrust on the mountainous northern front. He said eight Iranian brigades were annihilated in a major battle.

The daily war communique, however, made no mention of fighting on the northern front. The only reference to this sector was a mention of strikes by warplanes and helicopter gunships.

In Iran, a military statement quoted by Tehran radio said Iranian warplanes had destroyed an Iraqi oil platform, without giving its location.

The report was believed to refer to part of Khawr al-Ummayya in the northern gulf, a deep sea oil terminal some 18 km. from the disputed southern Iraqi oil port of Faw, captured by Iranian troops nearly five weeks ago but now the target of an intensive Iraqi counter-offensive. Earlier, the

Iraqi command announced that Iraqi army units advancing from the north and south linked up on Thursday after overrunning two forward Iranian positions 5 km. north of Faw.

Foreign press correspondents were taken to the command post of Major-General Maher Abed Rashid, located on the central axis of the Iraqi counter-offensive, some 10 km. from Faw. They were later driven aboard army vehicles within 3 km. from Faw under cover of French-built long-range artillery.

They saw long columns of black smoke rising from the port city, which had been evacuated by its population at the start of the war nearly six years ago.

In New York, a team of experts appointed by the UN on Friday reported that Iraq had used chemical weapons on many occasions "mainly mustard gas, although on some occasions nerve gas was also employed," the team said.

It was the first time Iraq had been directly named as carrying out chemical attacks. Baghdad did not accept a UN offer for the team to visit Iraq. (Reuters, AFP)



A man wrapped in a blanket walks through the debris of cars after a multiple crash in heavy fog south of Paris yesterday morning. (Reuters telephoto)

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

3 Pakistanis killed by Indian border patrol

NEW DELHI (AP). — Three Pakistanis were shot dead and two injured while crossing the border into troubled Punjab state, the United News of India reported yesterday.

More than 15 Pakistanis have been shot and killed by Indian border patrols in the past two weeks.

In a separate incident in Pakistan a Moslem mob burned and looted shops and homes belonging to Hindus in Sind province and attacked a police station, injuring five officers.

A crowd of about 300 people had gathered at a local mosque to protest the recent conversion of a mosque in India into a Hindu Temple. The mob ignored police orders to disperse and attacked the shops of Hindu merchants in the local bazaar.

Former NY official kills himself at second try

NEW YORK (AP). — Donald Manes, a former president of the Queens section of New York City, who has been linked to a growing city corruption scandal, killed himself on Thursday night, police said on Friday.

Manes stabbed himself at his home in Jamaica Estates and was taken to Booth Memorial Medical Centre, which refused to give any information. On January 10 police stopped Manes' car, which was weaving on a highway in Queens, and found him bleeding profusely from wounds in his wrist and ankle.

At first Manes told police he had been kidnapped and attacked. On January 21 he said his wounds had been self-inflicted.

High-ranking Soviet on visit to China

PEKING (AP). — The highest-ranking Soviet official to visit China in 15 months arrived yesterday and told his hosts that the potential for cooperation between the two nations was "enormous."

Soviet First Deputy Premier Ivan Arkhipov was heading a delegation attending the first meeting of the Chinese-Soviet commission of economic, trade, scientific and technological cooperation.

The Soviet official's visit was part of an improvement in relations that picked up steam in December 1984, when Arkhipov visited Peking and signed major economic agreements.

New drug helps Aids victims but not yet proved a cure

NEW YORK (AP). — An anti-viral drug has been shown for the first time to reduce fevers in Aids patients, boost their immune systems, and eliminate some infections, researchers said on Thursday.

In a report published in *The Lancet*, a British medical journal, the researchers said 15 of 19 Aids patients given the drug had increased numbers of white blood cells, called Helper-Inducer T-cells, which are vital components of the body's defences against disease.

One of the leaders of the new study, Dr. Samuel Broder of the National Cancer Institute, emphasized that the improvements were

observed for only a short time, and it is not known whether the patients will experience long-term benefits.

The drug, called azidothymidine, or AZT, was formerly known as Compound S. It has been mentioned by the institute as among the most promising of the half-dozen or so Aids drugs now in the initial stages of testing.

Dr. Robert Yarchoan, a collaborator of Broder's at the institute, was cautious in his appraisal of the results so far.

"The most significant aspect of this study is that it shows that the immune system of an Aids patient can at least partially reconstitute itself, if the patients are given a drug which blocks the replication of the virus," he said in a statement released Thursday.

He emphasized, however, that although the patients showed improvements, they still have Aids. "We have no evidence that AZT is a cure for Aids," he said.

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Dust knocks out camera of European spacecraft Closest ever Halley's comet photos

DARMSTADT, West Germany (AP). — The European spacecraft Giotto beamed to earth the closest photographs ever taken of Halley's Comet on Friday, but a shower of dust knocked out the craft's signal, just before it reached its closest point to the nucleus.

Giotto penetrated closer than ever before to the famed comet, but its transmitter blacked out for 25 minutes and it failed to send pictures from 540 kilometres away from Halley's icy nucleus, officials said.

Despite the blackout, European Space Agency officials at the mission control centre in Darmstadt said they were satisfied.

"Giotto achieved what it was designed to do, to make the closest approach ever to Halley's Comet," ESA director-general Reimar Lust told reporters.

"The signal was lost due to heavy impact of dust, but we consider the

mission a complete success," he said.

Giotto's photographs indicated Halley's Comet is a potato-shaped iceberg surrounded by dust and gases, ESA scientists said.

The signal was lost at 1:10.58 a.m. local time, two seconds before the scheduled closest encounter with the comet.

The craft was 670 kilometres from the nucleus at the time. Roger Bonnet, ESA's director of scientific programmes, said.

Contact with the craft was restored 25 minutes later, but the photographs did not reappear on monitor screens in Darmstadt.

Giotto had been travelling at 50 times the speed of a bullet, or 155,000 miles per hour, when it hit a "wall of dust the size of grains of sand," Peter Wenzel, head of ESA's solar and atmospheric division, said.

The craft's last photographs were

flashed on West German television, showing a bright white centre, surrounded by green, violet and red circles representing different layers of dust and ions.

Giotto's pictures indicated Halley's nucleus is made up of a hard interior and an outer cocoon of dust. Taken together, the nucleus and the dust cocoon were about 11 kilometres long and perhaps five kilometres wide.

Vega 1 and Vega 2, two Soviet probes, which flew by the comet on March 6 and last Sunday, sent different data to earth on the size of the dust particles.

Vega 1 encountered small particles, but Vega 2 was hit by larger particles that destroyed 50 per cent of its solar power.

Giotto was launched July 2, 1985 by the European Ariane 1 rocket from Kourou, French Guiana.

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL: 8.15 School Broadcasts 14.00 Economics — Money 14.15 Spoken Arabic 14.40 Discovering the Link 15.00 Everyman's University: Art in the Age of Technology: Literature 16.00 Rehov Sumsum 16.30 Art II (part 1) 17.00 A New Evening — live magazine

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES: 17.30 The Living Planet: Part 7 of a 12-part British nature film: "The Community of the Skies"

ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes: 18.30 News roundup 18.32 The Incredible Hulk: Prisoner of the Monster

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 22.00 with a news roundup

20.02 Love Boat

21.00 Mabat Newsfeed

21.30 Pre-Eurovision song contest 1986 — choosing Israel's entry, introduced by Riva Michaeli and Daniel Pe'er

22.20 A Dog's Ransom: Part 1 of a 6-part English suspense serial, starring Shari Sterner, Benjamin Whitrow and Zena Walker

22.45 News

JORDAN TV (unofficial): 17.30 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Me & My Girl 21.10 End of Empire 22.00 News in English 22.20 Dempsey and Makepeace

MIDDLE EAST TV (from T.A. north): 13.00 Animals, Animals, Animals 13.30 Westbook Hospital 14.00 Tote Club 14.30 Good News 15.00 Afternoon Movie 16.30 Children's Programmes 17.00 Flying House 17.30 Muppets 18.00 Voyagers 19.00 Nova 20.00 Special 21.00 Family Ties 21.30 Movie 00.02 Good News

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music

6.02 Morning Melodies

7.07 Sonata: Sonata for Piano 4-hands.

11.10 School Broadcasts

12.00 Education for all

12.05 Oriental songs

13.00 News in English

13.30 News in French

14.00 Children's programmes

15.00 World of Science (repeated)

15.55 Notes on a New Book

16.05 My Week — with Yoram Lapid (repeated)

17.30 Everyman's University

18.00 Jewish Traditions

18.47 Bible Reading

19.05 Jewish Thoughts

19.30 Programmes for Olim

22.05 Child and Family Magazine

Second Programme

6.12 Gymnastics

6.30 Editorial Review

6.53 Green Light — news commentary, music

7.00 This Morning — news magazine

8.05 Sefir Journey

9.05 House Call — with Rivka Michaeli

10.10 All Shades of the Network

12.10 Open Line — news and music

13.00 Midday — news commentary, music

14.05 Matters of Interest

15.10 Magic Magazine

16.05 Songs and Homebrew

18.05 Press Conference

18.45 Today in Sport

19.05 Today — radio newswire

19.35 The Jewish People

20.05 Cantorial Requests

22.05 Light Music for Wind Ensembles

23.05 Third Bell — arts magazine

Army

6.10 Morning Sounds

6.30 University on the Air

7.07 707 — with Michael Dek

8.05 Good Morning Israel

9.05 Right Now — with Rafi Rashid

11.05 The Old Days — with Orly Yaniv

15.05 Four in the Afternoon

16.05 Evening Newswire

18.05 Sports Magazine

19.05 Radio Radio — with Yoav Kutner

20.05 Out of Sight — folk songs

21.00 Mabul — TV newswire

21.30 University on the Air (repeat)

22.05 Popular songs

23.05 Edna Evron talks to poet Meir Waiselstein

First Programme

6.03 Programmes for Olim

7.30 Favourite Old Songs

8.05 Compass — with Benny Hendel

9.05 Encounter — live family magazine

10.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew

CINEMAS

JERUSALEM 4:30, 7, 9

Edna: Jagged Edge; Edna: To Live and Die in L.A.; Nabire: Death Wish III; Kfir: Rocky IV; Mitchell: Ram 8, 9; Orgil: Twice in a Lifetime; Orna: American Flyer; Roni: Cat; Shoshana: Chosen Me 7, 9; Shoshana: The Honor 4, 7, 9; Shoshana: I Love You Carmen 5, 7, 9; Paper Moon 7, 9; Boaz: There 9, 30; The Mouse that Roared 12 midnight

TELAVIV 4:30, 7, 9, 11:30, 9:30

Ally: Class Reunion 8, 7, 30, 9:30; Betty: L'Amour: Diva 11:15 p.m.; Ben-Yehuda: The Lover: Carmel 1: Year of the Dragon 4:15, 7, 9:45; Chay 2: American Flyer 5, 7:20, 9:45; Chay 3: Marie 5, 7:20, 9:45; Chay 4: Udon Time 10:30, 1:30, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; Chay 5: The Sure Thing 10:30, 1:30, 4:45, 7, 9:45; Cinema One: Rocky IV; Cinema Two: Back to the Future; Balaiz: White Nights 7, 9:30; Drive-In: Rocky IV 7, 9:30; Esther: Stitches; Gati: Twice in a Lifetime; Gordon: The Official Story; Hed: The Coolangatta Gold; Lew 1: Target 1:30, 4:45, 7, 9:30; Lew 2: Bonnie and Clyde 1:45, 7, 9:30; Savvy: Death Wish III, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Marie 5, 7:20, 9:45; Ram-Gan 3: Year of the Dragon 4:15, 7:20, 9:45; Ram-Gan 4: Jagged Edge 5, 7:20, 9:45

RAMAT GAN

Armen: White Nights 7, 9:30; Lily: Purple Rose of Cairo 7:15, 9:30; Ossi: The Eyes 7:15, 9:30; Ordon: Death Wish III, 7:15, 9:30; Ramet Gan: For Those I Loved 6:45, 9:30; Ram-Gan 1: Twice in a Lifetime 5, 7:30, 9:40; Ram-Gan 2: Marie 5, 7:20, 9:45; Ram-Gan 3: Year of the Dragon 4:15, 7:20, 9:45; Ram-Gan 4: Jagged Edge 5, 7:20, 9:45

HERZLIYA

David: Target 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; David: The Lover 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Tiller: White Nights 7, 9:30

HOLON

Migdal: Red Sonia 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Savvy: Death Wish III, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Armon Hahasharon: Purple Rose of Cairo 7:15, 9:30

BAT YAM

Armen: Death Wish III, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30

GIVATAYIM

Hezar: Out of Africa 6, 8

RAMAT HAHASHARON

Kochav: Brewster's Millions 7, 9:30

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KEEP ISRAEL BEAUTIFUL!

A BUMPY, pitted road leads to the Israeli Arab village of Taiba, northeast of Kfar Sava. It runs by the village's blue-domed mosques, and winds through sprawling neighbourhoods of two- and three-storey apartment houses. A side street leads to a modest two-storey building near a small, overgrown Moslem cemetery. Arab children play in the yard. On the second floor, an attractive, auburn-haired woman opens the door. Her features are Middle Eastern and she calls her children in Arabic, but she is Jewish: Nehama Mar'i Hajj Yihye, 35, formerly of Tel Aviv.

Nehama switches into Hebrew as she welcomes visitors into her home, decorated in a mixture of ornate Arab and functional Israeli styles. In a corner of the living room there is a nargileh, an engraved brass tray and a set of coffee cups; a menorah rests on a mantelpiece in the hallway.

She is soft-spoken, poised and articulate, her Hebrew free of slang and almost literary in its eloquence. She lives less than an hour from her native city, but has come a long way to become the wife of Joseph Mar'i Hajj Yihye, the mother of four children, and an involved and accepted member of Taiba society.

Her story is unique, but it reflects the experiences of hundreds of Jewish-Arab couples in Israel. There are no official figures on the number of such mixed couples in the country, but Dr. Yosef Ginat, adviser on Arab affairs to Minister Ezer Weizman, says a study he conducted found about 880 Jewish-Arab couples in 1980, though the number may have reached 900 since then.

Ginat says most of the couples are made up of Jewish women married to Arab men, a pattern he attributes largely to social norms of the Arab community, which restricts the social contacts of its women. He says 80 per cent of the Jewish women in such couples come from broken homes, and most are of Moroccan origin. Many such women were attracted to the financial and emotional security offered by their husbands, who often concealed their Arab identity at first, according to Ginat. The other 20 per cent were drawn to Arabs out of ideological identification with their cause, or out of a "search for something different," Ginat says.

He says the number of Jewish-Arab couples, most of whom live in Arab villages, is small, considering that Arabs make up 17 per cent of Israel's population. But the phenomenon has aroused the concern of the Yaf L'Ahim anti-missionary group and the Kach party. Kach calls Jewish-Arab couples a "malignant cancer," and sends teams of its members to Arab villages to remove Jewish women who, it claims, want to leave their husbands.

Nehama recalled recently that when Kach leader Rabbi Meir Kahane announced a year ago he would come to Taiba on such a "rescue mission," she was incensed. She feared there might be violence if Kahane came to the village, and felt her neighbours expected her to respond. She met with other Jewish women living in the village — with whom she had little contact prior to Kahane's threat — and together they drew up a defiant reply which was published in the press. "Who are you to come and rescue us?" it said. "You had better examine your own behaviour first. We're here of our own free will, and you have no right to interfere in our personal lives."

The media confrontation with Kahane was the latest in a series of incidents which have characterized Nehama's life along the boundary dividing Israel's Jews and Arabs.

NEHAMA first crossed the boundary when she began dating Joseph 20 years ago while she was in high school and Joseph was attending an agricultural school near Tel Aviv. Born in Egypt and the oldest of six children, Nehama was brought up to keep her distance from Arabs. "But he aroused my curiosity," she recalled. "He was different, more mature, a gentleman, very considerate; he didn't have that Israeli brashness."

Her family, unaware that Joseph was Arab, received him warmly at



Nehama Mar'i Hajj Yihye at home with her husband, Joseph, (above) and with friends (below): "When they saw that I wasn't condescending, they accepted me."

(Rachel Hirsch)

Mixed feelings

While they live close by their former, Jewish homes, Nehama Mar'i Hajj Yihye and Yaffa Hajj Yihye have crossed a deep divide to become the wives of Arab villagers in Taiba. Joel Greenberg reports.

first, but while he was visiting one day, he asked for a glass of water after being served a cup of Turkish coffee. "Arabs drink water with their coffee, so my father asked to see Joseph's identity card, just to be on the safe side," Nehama said. Joseph was never invited again.

Nehama's family tried desperately to break up the couple. Her relatives tried to attack Joseph physically and heaped abuse on him. Nehama was ostracized by her friends and disowned by her parents, but she says the opposition only strengthened her resolve to stay with Joseph.

They arranged a civil marriage documented abroad, as do many Jewish-Arab couples who cannot have a religious ceremony because neither partner converts. They decided to live in Kfar Sava, but when Joseph's identity was discovered by their neighbours, the warm reception turned cold. "People asked me, 'You couldn't find a Jew to marry?'" Nehama said. "Friends who used to ride in my car with me to the beach turned their backs," Joseph said.

THE COUPLE moved to Taiba, where Joseph's family, initially opposed to the marriage, but later reconciled to his choice, invited the couple to live. "I was very well received in the village," Nehama said. "My mother-in-law treated me like a daughter, and I was pleasantly surprised at the effort to make me feel I belong."

While Joseph and Nehama's move to Taiba was motivated by social pressures, at least one other Jewish-Arab couple in the village lives there for economic reasons. Yaffa and Khaled Hajj Yihye moved to Taiba from Ra'anana in search of cheaper housing and living costs. Yaffa, whose parents cut off relations with her when she married, says the village environment is supportive.

"People help each other and it's easier to manage," she says. In an effort to ease her integration into village life, Nehama became a community worker. With partial support of the Mapam Party, she organized village women for municipal and family self-help projects, set up nursery schools and helped plan seminars on Jewish-Arab coexistence. She organized private lessons for children with learning disabilities, psychology lectures for mothers, and meetings between village women and children and their Jewish counterparts in neighbouring



towns and kibbutzim. Her work was as much an attempt to gain social approval as an effort to reduce the political tensions which threatened her ties with her husband and village.

"When I first arrived, people were suspicious. I had to prove myself," she said. "When they saw that I wasn't condescending, they accepted me."

"I wanted to reciprocate for these people having received me so warmly. I felt they weren't getting enough. Arab villages are neglected, always at the bottom of the list. As a Jew I felt a responsibility to help where others hadn't."

Nehama says her acceptance in the village and the appreciation of

her work made her children's social adjustment easier. "I purposely worked to improve my status here so the children would not be ashamed of me," she said. "I've encouraged them to go out and face their environment, and recently one of my sons proudly defended me in an argument with a religious extremist who attacked me for being Jewish."

While some mixed couples in Taiba speak to their children in Hebrew as well as Arabic, and give them Hebrew and Arabic names, Nehama and Joseph have consciously chosen a different path. They have given their children only Arabic names, and are raising them as Arabic-speaking Moslems, in an effort to ensure their smooth integration into village society.

Joseph's ethnic identity has predominated. "I erased myself before my husband to enable the children to grow stronger here," Nehama said. "I took pains to always present myself as Joseph Mar'i's wife to emphasize I belonged. I had to bend a little so everything would go smoothly."

Nehama, who has become fluent in her native Arabic as well as in Hebrew, reluctantly decided against bringing up her children with the Hebrew language. But she has few, if any, qualms about failing to pass on her faith to the next generation. "I don't think it bothers me," she said. "In a sense I've turned my back on Judaism. To be a good Jew you need to pray, but my mission is more

among people. I don't believe we're the chosen people. We're all human beings. This is the important value, relations between persons. It's enough for me that I believe in God."

She does not rule out possible conversion to Islam, "not because I would believe in it, but to spare suffering for the children. I don't want my children to have a split personality," she said, "and other considerations melt away where the children are concerned."

BUT Nehama admits her children still live in a mixed world.

They visit Nehama's parents — who have patched up relations with their daughter — on certain Jewish holidays. She sends them to meetings with Jewish children and to seminars on coexistence at the Jewish-Arab settlement of Neveh Shalom.

Her three eldest children were registered at birth as Jews, in accordance with Israeli and Jewish law, which determine the religion of the children by that of the mother. The fourth child, in a bureaucratic quirk, was registered as Moslem, as if Nehama had converted. The decision ultimately rests with the children, who by law can determine their own religious affiliation.

According to current records, however, Nehama's oldest child, Hassan, 17, could be called next year to the army. She and her husband say they will arrange to have him exempted from the service, as are all Israeli Arabs.

She says Hassan favours some form of national service for Israeli Arabs of conscription age, but he also supports the Palestinian national movement.

Nehama shares her son's support for the Palestinian cause, but says her opinions make her no less loyal to Israel. "I don't think I'm less Zionist than anyone else," she said. "I want the Jewish people to live in this country, and live well." Her work to promote Jewish-Arab understanding, she says, is aimed precisely at that goal.

Nehama's efforts to build a solid relationship with her Arab environment have been most seriously tested in times of war. During the Yom Kippur War, she recalls, her neighbours were concerned for the safety of her brothers, who were on active reserve duty, and repeatedly asked her if they were safe. But at

the same time, and in other periods of conflict, she felt the violence distanced her from Joseph. She remembers moments when each of them felt a separate pain for the deaths of Arabs and Jews. "I grieved for the Jews killed, but I felt uneasy with my husband, and had to stifle my emotions. I felt for my people, and just couldn't view things from an Arab perspective. Each one of us felt his own pain, alone."

"After a while we began talking it out, and that helped very much. I went through a long internal struggle, and emerged feeling more balanced. I could feel the tragedy of the loss of any human being. This we have attempted to pass on to our children."

Yaffa, the wife of Khaled Hajj Yihye, says that life in the village has changed her perspective as well. Born in Iraq, she says she was taught to perceive Arabs as hated enemies and as inferior people.

"From the day I moved to the village and began living among them, I completely changed my mind," she says. "They're exactly like the Jews, just as advanced, and they dress and behave like them. There's absolutely no difference."

The massacres at Beirut's Sabra and Shatilla camps during the Lebanon War were a particularly trying moment for Nehama. "It was the first time I was ashamed of myself in the village," she said. "I cried. I couldn't believe Jews would lend a hand to such an act. My faith in the integrity of the Israeli soldier was shattered." She felt similar disillusionment when she saw Israeli Border Guard units using tear gas and shooting in the air to disperse a Land Day demonstration in her village. "Something I had admired all my life was tainted," she said.

Besides living with the political tensions, Nehama has had to adjust to Taiba's social conventions. "When I first arrived here, I was used to wearing miniskirts, and very much wanted to be able to embrace Joseph in public. But I realized I would have to give this up if I was to live here," she said. "I was used to city life, going out to movies and plays. Now I don't go out as much, but I don't really miss it because I'm busy with other things."

The need to defer publicly to her husband ran against her desire for independence. She resolved the conflict by embarking, over Joseph's protests, on her own career in community work. The job sometimes keeps her away from home for two or three days at a time. She says many women in the village work, and that though Joseph believes a woman's place is in the home, many educated village couples share her egalitarian views. The rewards of work have compensated for the sacrifices she made to live in Taiba, and have given her a sense of self-worth, Nehama says. "Today, after a struggle, I'm doing what I like to do, though sometimes I feel I'm treading softly in a minefield," she says.

Yaffa, who has chosen to stay at home with her children "out of respect for my husband's wishes," agrees that village life dictates a certain behaviour. "You have to consider whether what you're doing is socially acceptable. There are perhaps some restrictions, but if you adjust accordingly and know the mentality, you'll naturally be accepted. I don't feel constrained or confined to the village."

Despite the adjustment she has made to live in Taiba, Nehama does not feel cut off in the village from Israeli culture and society. She says Israeli styles and fashions can be seen in the interiors of many homes and in the way people dress in the village. Yaffa says many children in the village have Hebrew names.

Both women are cultural hybrids. They read Hebrew newspapers, but watch both Hebrew and Arabic language television. Yaffa says she listens to both Israeli and Arabic music. Though Nehama spends many evenings at home with her family and friends, she also goes out with Joseph to neighbouring Jewish towns for a movie or, like Yaffa, to visit friends.

"Some day I'd like to write my autobiography," Nehama says. "I'll call it *Between Two Worlds*."

Adopting a grandparent

PRIVATE AND PUBLIC organizations agree that homes for the aged, however euphemistically disguised as "golden age sanctuaries" or "parents residences," are often an unsatisfactory environment for senior citizens. By their very nature, such institutions, even the most elegant, are a poor substitute for a real home. One solution gaining currency is to arrange foster homes for the elderly who are still active and alert

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but don't want to live alone. Elderly people not in need of constant supervision hesitate to enter permanently into an old-age home, fearing that they will be treated like geriatrics before they have mentally and physically reached that

stage. It is possible for a household to make a spare room available for a single elderly occupant. Ideally, he or she becomes a part of the family and not simply a boarder. In the U.S., this arrangement has been tried in several states.

Dr. Robin Wilkes, a family counsellor who runs such a programme in Los Angeles, explains how it works. "Let's take a 70-year-old widower. Call him Ted. He was one of our first

cases. He's basically healthy, maybe a bit arthritic, but he walks and even plays bowls.

His problem starts in the evenings. Dr. Wilkes says. Many people don't like to go out alone after dark, even those younger than Ted. For non-drivers and those whose apartment blocks don't have doormen, it can be quite risky, so all his evenings are solitary.

"He thought about a facility for the aged," Dr. Wilkes recalls, "but he says 'Gee, my mother lives in one of those places. She's 90 and they look after her well, but if I went in there I'd be decrepit in a month.'"

DR. WILKES found an alternative for Ted. A Mr. & Mrs. Patterson had an extra room, after their eldest child had married and moved out. They heard about the programme and thought they'd like to try it out. Dr. Wilkes recounted. "Our procedure is to first inspect the premises and meet the family, before we bring in the prospective client," he explains.

"It's important that everyone living in the house agrees to be involved. It would create a bad atmosphere if a child was turned out of his room for this purpose, or if the wife resented the extra cooking. But this was fine. Only one floor up and big enough to be a comfortable bed-sitting room," Wilkes adds.

In this case, the match between Ted and the Pattersons was good. Two boys still live at home and the

parents both work, so Ted gets his own lunch and goes out most days to meet friends. His social security covers the payments and leaves him a little for pocket money.

He's taught Mrs. Patterson to make his favourite cheese pie and has taken over care of the family garden. The older boy usually takes him to his chess club or his card games after supper, and brings him safely back.

It isn't always that easy. There's a trial period when a social worker drops in frequently (and unexpectedly). Both sides have to make concessions in their day-to-day living. Money arrangements have to be set up in advance.

In all cases, a formal contract is drawn up so that it is clearly understood by both sides that it is not a charitable enterprise. No one gets rich from this kind of paid hospitality, but another regular income, however small, is usually welcome. The contract can be terminated by either side after a probationary period, but Dr. Wilkes says the inquiries are so thorough that when the guests finally move in, there are usually no unpleasant surprises in store.

It is not only the elderly who benefit from the project. Having an older person around who isn't intimately involved in the family can act as a safety valve, a repository for complaints, a shoulder to cry on, as well as someone to share and enhance happy events, like a good test score, a new dress, or a pay raise.

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Those who consider themselves suitable may submit their candidature from March 16, to the Course Directorate, Hadassah Ein Kerem, Jerusalem, Tel. 02-428568 (Margalit).

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Unemployment below 6% foreseen

THE ECONOMIC recession of the second half of 1985 has been replaced by what appears to be a marked pick-up in activity. The latest statistics indicate that the rate of unemployment dropped from 7.8 per cent in the third quarter of 1985 to 6.7 per cent in the last quarter. The Treasury estimates that the rate is declining even further, to less than six per cent, in the current quarter.

Further evidence of the apparent recovery is the 14.5 per cent increase in the import of production inputs, excluding fuel, in the first two months of the year over the second half of 1985.

Despite the recovery, there is still a large number of firms in distress. The Industry Ministry has announced that two of those firms have received special loans to help them in a debt consolidation plan. One of the firms received \$1.25 million and the other \$1m. from a government fund established for this purpose. The ministry indicates that the companies had been affected by the price freeze, and thus were entitled to the loan. It did not disclose the names of the firms, but later they were identified as Vita and Necca.

ANOTHER SIGN that the consequences of the austerity programme are still being felt is the drop in the rate of participation in the civilian labour force. The Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) says that in 1985 the number of persons in the labour force rose by 1.4 per cent, to 1,467,000, while the number of employed persons aged 14 or older went

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up by 2.2 per cent. This brought down the rate of participation from 50.2 per cent in 1984 to 49.9 per cent in 1985. The decrease in the participation rate seems to indicate that the rise in unemployment following the economic plan discouraged youngsters and unemployed from looking for jobs.

SALARIES PAID by the Electric Corporation are the envy of many. Now, however, something strange has happened to the gross wages of those workers, who, in the first days of the economic plan turned off the power supply. Figures released by the CBS show the gross wages of workers in the electricity and water sectors in the last quarter of 1985 were 29.9 per cent down compared to the same period in the previous year. This was the largest wage erosion within one year for any sector in the economy.

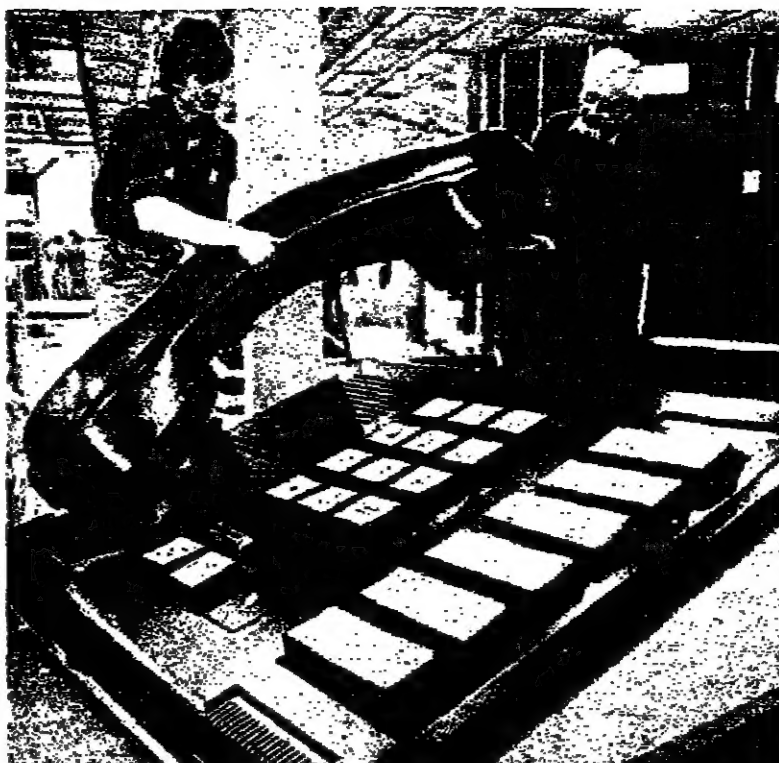
IS THERE or is there not a deficit in the Israel Government budget? The Reagan Administration thinks there is, and puts it at 5 to 5.5 per cent of the Gross National Product. Senior Treasury officials say the government will finish the fiscal year with a balanced budget. The solution to the riddle is, as usual, a matter of definition. The Americans do not consider their aid to Israeli military procure-

ment as government revenue, but include expenditure abroad on military equipment government spending. Treasury officials say the deficit to look at should be the domestic one. This would not include the military aid, but not the expenditure abroad, either.

The newly found optimism of the Treasury officials has led them to make a slight change of plans. The budget for the current fiscal year called for a full recycling of the government internal debt. Now, the officials say, this is no longer necessary. The Treasury can limit recycling to 95 per cent of the debt, and this will leave resources for private sector capital raising.

TAX OFFICIALS are not as optimistic. According to their calculations, between April and August there will be an unprecedented increase in the sums paid out to firms and self-employed as tax refunds. The officials said that firms have been paying large sums as income tax advances, since the interest paid and charged by the income tax authorities is so high that it is worthwhile "investing" in these advances.

INSURANCE COMPANIES may soon open saving schemes for clients whose life insurance policy has reached maturity. The Treasury has announced that Capital Market Commissioner Yehuda Drori has approved the new schemes in principle. The terms of the savings schemes will be set by the companies. The savings will be covered by tradeable government bonds.



This king-sized phone - it works - made its debut at the Communications Technology Fair now being held in Hanover, West Germany. (AFP)

Russian immigrant tilting at the windmills of Rassco

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

An Orthodox MK hailing originally from Morocco has taken up the cudgels on behalf of a secular immigrant from the Soviet Union, who is tilting at the windmills of one of the country's largest and most faceless housing corporations.

David Danino (National Religious Party) recently accused the Rassco housing corporation of giving a raw deal to a Soviet Jewish oleh, who bought a pre-fab from Mabab, a Rassco subsidiary, in Mitzpeh Tal-Ei in Galilee.

The home, which Ya'acov Epstein ordered, turned out to have so many serious building defects when it was due to be handed over, that it was virtually impossible to live in it.

Epstein turned to Danino for help after finding that Rassco was not taking his complaints seriously. But Danino told *The Jerusalem Post* he got a bad impression from Rass-

co, when Rassco refused to reply to his letters in writing, and insisted on oral replies only. "It was fishy, the way they tried to avoid getting tied down," Danino told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Danino said he was also disturbed because Rassco tried to compel Epstein to accept what he considered to be an unfair and unacceptable mode of arbitration.

Danino said there was another Kafkaesque development, when he approached Housing Minister David Levy, asking for a meeting, but failed each time to pin Levy down.

Since Rassco intends to build several score pre-fabs in Acre, not far from Mitzpeh Tal-Ei, Danino wrote mayor Eli de Castro, advising him to take heed of Ya'acov Epstein's failure to get a fair deal from Rassco. De Castro replied that he had instructed the city engineer to study the pitfalls of the Rassco project.

Number of firms in trouble on the rise

By MACABEE DEAN
TEL AVIV. - The number of businesses in financial difficulties rose by 309 in the first two months of the year, to stand at 1,801, according to Eyal Yanai, director of the business information division of Dun & Bradstreet.

He pointed out that during the past 12 months, the number of firms facing severe problems had risen by 431 per cent. The increase was 13 per cent alone in January and February 1986.

Yanai said that his company's classification of grade I and grade II firms which have a solid financial basis did not change substantially in these two months. A total of 177 are classified as grade I, and 2,002 as grade II.

\$888 El Al package

TEL AVIV. - El Al has announced it is organizing package tours to Israel from the U.S. starting at \$888. Some of the tours include visits to Cairo or Istanbul. Sold only through travel agents, the tours will run between June 1 and October 9.

The cheapest programme provides for return air fare, five nights in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv and car rental. For \$333 more one can also fly to Istanbul for four nights, the airline added.

Scitex president Arthur Low resigns

One of the founders of Scitex 15 years ago, Arthur Low, is resigning as president of the company from the beginning of April. The 50-year-old executive has cited personal reasons for his decision.

Ephraim Arazi, chairman of the board, accepted Low's resignation "with understanding and sadness." Arazi will hold the position of president while continuing as board chairman.

WORLD NEWS

Wall Street stocks soar

NEW YORK. - Wall Street stocks soared to a record high in active trading on Friday, with the Dow Jones industrial average closing up 39.03 at 1,792.74, ending a record-breaking week of increases and volume.

A sharp drop in February's producer price index prompted the rise which resulted in the Dow Jones average of 30 blue chip stocks climbing its best one-week rise ever, gaining over 92.91 points.

In its previous best one-week performance, the Dow climbed 87.46 in the week ended August 3, 1984.

New York Stock Exchange advances led declines 1,037 to 634. Volume rose to 181.9 million from 171.5 million the previous day. Volume for the week, at approximately 880,800,000 shares, set a record.

Weaker economic numbers released early in the day got stocks off to a strong start by fostering the view that interest rates could stay low.

The February producer price index fell 1.6 per cent, a positive sign that consumer prices will remain under control. Industrial production, meanwhile, fell 0.6 per cent.

U.S. deficit hits \$124.3b. worst trading year in history

WASHINGTON (AP). - The U.S. foreign trade deficit hit \$124.3 billion last year, as a big surge in auto imports and slumping demand for American agricultural products gave the U.S. its worst trading year in history, the government reported last week.

The 1985 deficit was up 8.9 per cent from the previous record of \$114.1b. set in 1984.

The new Commerce Department report confirmed parallel figures released two weeks ago, which showed an even larger \$148.5b. deficit for 1985. The latest report on a balance of payments basis shows a smaller deficit because it omits such factors as military sales and the cost of shipping and insurance.

The deficit for all of 1985 included a record imbalance during the final three months of the year of \$39.5b.

compared with a deficit in the third quarter of \$33b.

For the year, imports increased 1 per cent to \$338.3b., while exports were slumping by 3 per cent, to \$214b.

The big decline in exports was led by a 24 per cent fall in agricultural exports. U.S. farm sales totalled \$29.2b., the lowest level since \$24.3b. in sales in 1977.

"Excess global production, the strong dollar, competition from other suppliers, and increases in local production in traditional markets all combined to reduce agricultural exports," the department said.

The government said the biggest decline occurred in wheat sales, which were down 40 per cent from 1984, mainly because of reduced shipments to the Soviet Union.

\$28 million bank fraud trial in Switzerland

LUGANO (Reuters). - A former branch manager of the Lugano-based Banca Della Svizzera Italiana went on trial here last week, accused of embezzling millions of dollars of customers' money, local justice officials said.

Giancarlo Ranzoni, who had headed the bank's branch in Melide in the Italian-speaking region of Ticino, is suspected of having embezzled about \$28 million of clients' funds between 1979 and

1984, according to the prosecution. Also on trial is Carmel Riggio, an Italian financier, who worked in the U.S. and is suspected of having been Ranzoni's accomplice.

The money was lost after unsuccessful investments in a planned coffee plantation in Argentina and in precious metals trading. Ranzoni fled to the U.S. at the end of 1984, where he was arrested, and Riggio was arrested in New York last March.

SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

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COUNTRY	CURRENCY	BANK OF ISRAEL Representative Rates
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1.4689
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GERMANY	MARK	0.8588
FRANCE	FRANC	0.2141
HOLLAND	GULDEN	0.5834
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	0.7844
NORWAY	KRONE	0.2082
DENMARK	KRONE	0.2086
FINLAND	MARK	0.1783
CANADA	DOLLAR	0.2907
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1.0655
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	1.0475
BEIJING	FRANC	0.7491
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	0.3218
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Undue pressure by Elite monopoly is charged

Two chains shun new coffee import

By MARTHA MEISELS
TEL AVIV. - A new brand of instant coffee, bearing the name of the Café Rowal coffee-house chain, will be launched today as a competitor to Elite. However, the two largest supermarket chains, Coop and Super-Sol, will not be selling it for the time being - and Rowal's management charges that this is due to pressure from the Elite monopoly.

The Rowal-brand instant coffee is an import, specially-produced by D.E.K. of Hamburg, a fact clearly stated on its label. The powdered coffee will cost 12 to 19 per cent more than Elite's, depending on the size of the jars. Rowal's comes in attractive glass bottles with dome-shaped tops. A crystallized freeze-dried version will be almost identical in price to Elite's.

Uri Rothschild of the Rowal management told a press conference that his firm would eventually like to produce the instant coffee here in Israel, but that this would involve a

\$5 million investment. Rowal is already producing Turkish-style and percolator coffee locally.

This is by no means the first time instant coffee has been imported into Israel, but the best-known international brands sold here are generally priced far above Elite's.

The managements of Coop and Super-Sol explained their reasons for not introducing the new Rowal brand at this stage - and denied it was due to unfair pressure from the Elite monopoly. Mordechai Kreiner, vice-president of Super-Sol, told *The Post* his company is "still negotiating" with Rowal. He denied the delay had anything to do with the fact that Super-Sol only this week divested itself of sizeable blocks of Elite stock, and pointed out that Super-Sol itself has imported instant coffee.

Benny Ga'on, general manager of Coop Tel Aviv - Dan Hasharon, said his Histadrut-affiliated chain had been asked by the trade unions department not to carry imported

products when there is a comparable local alternative. He said that was why Coop has so far acceded to Elite's "legitimate commercial requests" that it turn down the Rowal brand. He added that if Super-Sol were to introduce Rowal, Coop might feel compelled to follow suit.

Ga'on added that next week Coop plans to issue a tender for its own house-label brand of instant coffee - and he invites Rowal to join the tender.

On behalf of the Elite management, David Mosevich told *The Post* that it considers Rowal instant coffee to be a purely imported brand, and that there is no place for imports in this field - adding that Elite "would welcome any local competitor." He denied any illegitimate pressure on behalf of Elite with the chain stores, though he admitted "trying to convince them."

Shekem will also not carry Rowal coffee - in keeping with its policy of shunning imported foodstuffs whenever possible.

Lower fuel charges help exporters and importers

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. - The country's importers and exporters will save over \$18 million a year on their freight charges, thanks to a reduction on fuel surcharges by the shipping conferences starting this week.

The Shippers Council, which represents the importers and exporters, said yesterday that all but the North

American shipping lines had reduced their fuel surcharges by two to five per cent. Negotiations with the North American lines are proceeding on the matter.

The reduction follows a cut in fuel costs for ships anchored in Israel ports from \$170 to \$120 a ton at the end of January in line with the general drop of oil prices.

The largest reduction, of five per cent, was granted by the North-West Europe lines, which carry most of Israel's trade with Europe.

Council Director Arye Mehoulal, noting that Israel's total maritime freight bill comes to about \$600m. annually, said the reduction will be of great help to exporters, who face stiff competition abroad.

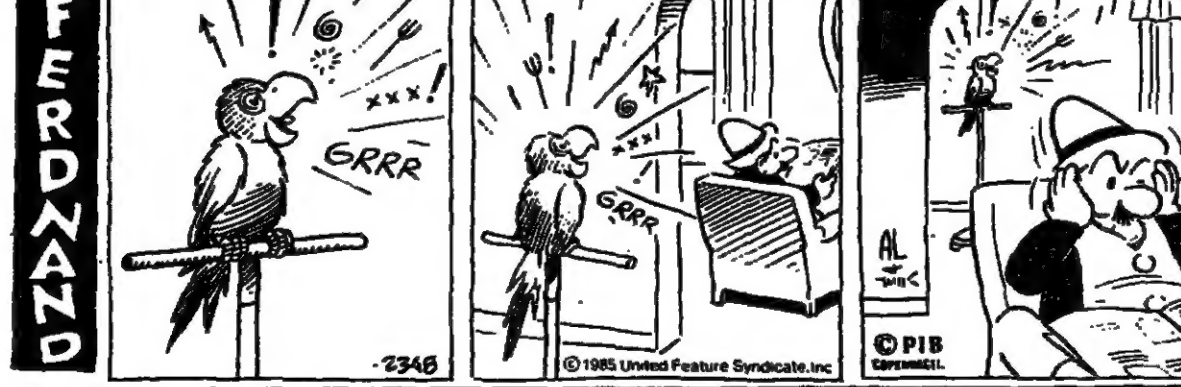
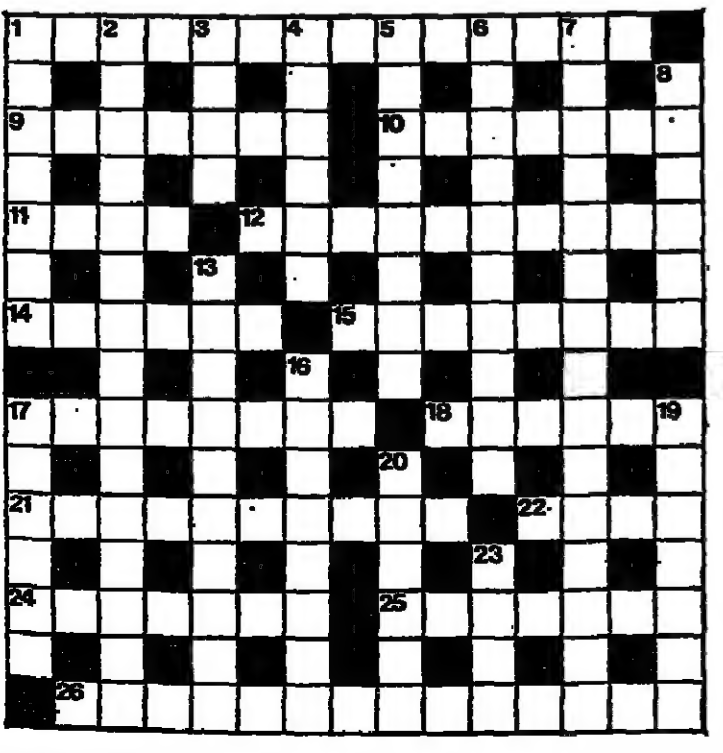
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DOWN

- Finest type of land-sailor? (4, 2, 3, 5)
- Energy-flow produces warmth (7)
- Palmer, a progressive sort (7)
- Grey cloth for poet's retirement (4)
- The ark-bear suffering such intense grief (10)
- Mystery-tour around outskirts of Donegal (6)
- Principal equipment of bowlers, for example (8)
- Low-down at spa-hotel is a gas! (8)
- Eminence of hospital crew? (6)
- Uncertain line a voter demonstrates in such closure (10)
- Fancy some Whitsuntide action? (4)
- Toddler near tucked in later today (7)
- Cut off or loosen tie, also (7)
- Imagine number of spectators in the Tate, for example (7-7)

- Open-handed poet? (7)
- Italian genius can overdo inked design (8, 2, 5)
- Roman author of "The Moon and Sixpence"? (4)
- Sentimental present (6)
- Shipper's former wife stout? (8)
- As fit as Jack? (4-6)
- Sports-day fun for Manx people (5-6, 4)
- Compartment with drawers inside it? (6)
- Did Noah switch it on? (10)
- One willing to try a hill (8)
- To this matter, it could be three-love (6)
- Attempt to embrace old adversity (7)
- Dressing Puck (top parts only) (6)
- Sword fellow has to lubricate (4)



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14 Hint, pointer
15 Very small particle
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17 Small piece of jewellery
18 Very high, haughty
19 Poison
20 Not stale
21 Open to view
22 Demon

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YESTERDAYS FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

Lower league teams show their quality

By YARON KENAN
 Betar Jerusalem, the holders, Maccabi Haifa last year's runners-up, and league champions, and Hapoel Tel Aviv, the current league leaders, all won their way through to the last 16 of the State Cup yesterday. But they all made heavy weather of doing so.

As the National League teams joined the Cup fray for the first time, pride of place in the traditional search for upsets came from the runaway Second Division leaders Betar Netanya, who defeated Bnei Yehuda in the Hatzkva Quarter, and unfancied Maccabi Hadera of the Third Division, who ousted National League strugglers Maccabi Sha'arayim.

The two Sharon sides registered the most unusual results of the day. But tiny Or Yehuda, the small town east of Tel Aviv, nearly pulled off the biggest surprise of all when they held Hapoel Beersheba to a draw after 90 minutes. Unfortunately, they ran out of steam in extra time, when the Negev team crashed four goals into the net. Fourth Division Hapoel Kiryat Ata also had much the best of their game with Yavne, only to be denied their glory by a late Shimon Peretz goal.

Betar Netanya proved conclusive-

ly that their dramatic run in the Second Division after their promotion last season is no flash in the pan. They have lost only once in the league. Against Bnei Yehuda, they were content to gain victory through one early Yossi Edry goal. Their performance was even more meritorious in that, for most of the second half, they were down to ten men, after referee Arye Frost took umbrage at the acting antics of Yigal Sarussi, who pretended to be injured and he was ordered off. (See Match Report)

Chen Havty will remember yesterday morning for a long time. Playing before 500 loyal local fans, Maccabi Sha'arayim seemed all at sea, and when Havty decided the issue with a 20 metre piledriver in the 49th minute, it was no more than the third division team from Hadera deserved.

The real minnows left in the competition were caught up in the big-time net, but not before they had given their fans a run for their money. Betar Pardess Katz, a neighbourhood team founded only two seasons ago, and doing extremely well in one of the regional fifth divisions, were delighted by their contest with mighty Maccabi Tel Aviv.

Their supporters provided a colourful carnival backdrop to the match, and their enthusiasm was not even daunted when Eli Dricks and Moshe Gariani demolished all prospects of an upset at the Hapoel Petah Tikva ground, to which the game had been relocated, by scoring within the opening four minutes. Maccabi then reduced their pace, but Dricks, Shimonov and Natan with later goals provided the 15 times champions with an effortless passage to the next round.

Shimshon were the only other top division club to make absolute mince-meat of their lesser opponents. They enjoyed a fair romp against Yehud. Vicky Peretz and Gideon Damti, two former Israeli national team strikers, who scored five between them, demonstrated manfully that there is very much life beyond 30 for able forwards. Yomtov Shukran, Shimshon's perennial marksman, also bagged a brace.

David Schweitzer's Hapoel Tel Aviv showed once again that the strength of his team may very well be in their ability to win when they are playing poorly. Hapoel Hadera had much the better of the first half, but muffed several useful scoring chances, before Shabbtai Levi rammed home a goal from close range

after a three man move. It wasn't exactly a shot to bring the house down, but it did bring the net down as it collapsed after the ball careened into it, causing a seven minute hold-up while a ladder was brought on to rectify things.

The holders in Jerusalem, having watched their fellow Hapoel side from the capital nearly held at the YMCA by a most energetic Fourth Division team from Kfar Shalem, an unfashionable Tel Aviv suburb in the curtain-raiser, looked to have things going all their own way, when Yaron Cohen scored two, close to either side of the half time whistle. But Betar's sister club from Tel Aviv battled back gamely, and, in the end, the Jerusalemites were gasping for air and praying hard for the final whistle. Choco Numdar had grabbed one goal, Ronnie Zemach missed a golden opportunity shooting over from a metre and a half and Shmurya lambasted the upright with Sussa well beaten.

So Betar live to fight another day, along with most of the top division clubs plus those terrific survivors from the Second Division, Betar Netanya and Maccabi Hadera of the Third. Hakoah, who should have won against Hapoel Petah Tikva, have another bite at the cherry.



BALLET. — Ronnie Tsemach of Betar Tel Aviv and Meir Kadosh of Betar Jerusalem demonstrate why soccer has been described as "the poor man's ballet." (Israeli)

Match report: Bnei Yehuda 0, Betar Netanya 1

Second Division side slays giant

By AVNER MACHTINGER
 TEL AVIV. — Betar Netanya who lead the Second Division, yesterday proved to all and sundry that their rightful place is in National League football, after delivering a 1-0 knock-out from the State Cup to Bnei Yehuda, a top team in the premier division, at the latter's Hatzkva Quarter ground.

The goal was a gem, by any league standard. Yossi "Charles" Edry received a pass from Mordechai Halfon, and without stopping in his stride cracked a first time shot from 22 metres past goalkeeper Yaacov Assayag. That was in the 18th minute, and it gave Netanya a fully deserved lead.

From the start, the visitors, led by "Puddi" Halfon and Edry, put the pressure on the home team. Their schemers sent a flow of lovely passes in all directions, and they had the usually steady Bnei Yehuda defence back-peddling. Also playing a lead role in Betar forward movements was Shimon Mahlouf, their left back, who frequently ran upfield to support his attack. Had the Betar strikers Israel Vogel, aged 38, and Shlomo Edry, taken advantage of all their chances, the Netanya team could have been three goals in the lead in the first half-hour.

For the 2,000 Bnei Yehuda fans, the turning-point came when coach

Yitzhak Schneor sent on Nissim Cohen, the local ball juggler, who has been out of the game because of injury for the past six weeks. Now it was Cohen who sent his forwards off on waves of attacks in search of an equaliser.

The same pattern of play continued in the second half — Bnei Yehuda went on the attack, but constantly missed every scoring chance. The strikers who failed the Hatzkva Quarter yesterday were Moshe Eisenberg, the youth international, the veteran "king" Ehud Ben Tovim, Nissim Cohen and Yaacov Segal, a defender who in frustration moved into the attack.

In the 65th minute, even referee

Arie Frost came to Bnei Yehuda's aid. He sent off Micha Saroussi, Betar's central defender, for faking an injury. It did not help Bnei Yehuda. Even against ten men in the last 25 minutes the home strikers could not find the net. Playing an outstanding game too were Shimon Lavie in the Betar goal and their captain Asher Sassy, who controlled the air in his penalty area.

This was a cup-tie of clever mid-field play but an amazing number of missed scoring chances. Not scoring goals cost Bnei Yehuda its place in the next round of the State Cup. Betar Netanya will be no easy meat for any team in the country.

SOCCER ROUND-UP

Hap. Hadera, 2nd (0/0)	Hap. Tel Aviv (0/1)	Hap. Haifa (0/2)	Bet. Haifa, 2nd (0/0)
Bet. Jerusalem (1/2)	Bet. Tel Aviv, 2nd (0/1)	Shimshon (4/8)	Hap. Yehud, 2nd (0/1)
Yaron Cohen 2	Numdar	Peretz 3, Damti 2	Gonen
Hap. Acre, 2nd (0/1)	Hap. Kfar Sava (1/2)	Shukran 3, Cohen (0/0)	Mac. Netanya (0/1)
Hap. Beersheba (0/0)	Nikhar 2	R. Amikler, 2nd (0/0)	Tikva
Hap. Or Yehuda, (0/0)	a.s.t.	Mac. Petah Tikva (1/2)	Hap. Be'er, 2nd (0/0)
Soltan 3, Oshan-Hakoah, 2nd (0/0)	Hap. Petah Tikva s.a.t.	Mac. Netanya (0/0)	Mac. Jaffa (0/2)
Mac. Haifa (1/1)	Hap. Tiberies (0/0)	Hap. Jerusalem (1/1)	Kfar Shalem, 4th (0/0)
Mac. Tel Aviv (3/5)	Mac. Tel Aviv (3/5)	Kiryat Ata, 3rd (0/0)	Mac. Yavne (0/1)
Mac. Sha'arayim (0/0)	Mac. Sha'arayim (0/0)	Mac. Yavne (0/1)	Mac. Yavne (0/1)
Mac. Hadera, 3rd (0/1)	Mac. Sha'arayim (0/0)	Mac. Yavne (0/1)	Mac. Yavne (0/1)

Liverpool leave United floundering

LONDON (AP). — Liverpool moved within two points of Merseyside neighbours and standing leaders Everton yesterday by winning 2-1 at Southampton, as the English soccer championship race heated up. Reigning champions Everton play today for the benefit of live television coverage. Long-time leaders Manchester United lost further ground on the leaders by losing 1-0 at Queens Park Rangers.

Liverpool had to come from behind with goals by John Wark and Ian Rush after Southampton had taken the lead at the Dell through George Lawrence.

A single goal by QPR's John Byrne gave Rangers the edge over the Manchester side, whose season has nose-dived.

United left their off-form Welsh international striker, Mark Hughes, expected to join Spanish champions Barcelona at the end of the season — out of their line-up, and they introduced new signing Peter Davenport, an English international.

But the change failed to spur the team, although Davenport had a goal disallowed and co-striker Frank Stapleton missed an easy chance.

Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar, who endears himself to fans if not to his manager Kenny Dalglish with his eccentricities, presented Southampton with a gift opener when he allowed Lawrence's harmless shot to squirm through his legs and over the line.

A sweet three-man move involving Dane Jan Molby, Rush and Wark ended with the Scot lashing the ball past England goalkeeper Peter Shilton for the equaliser.

Wark then turned provider, and a perfect cross enabled Rush to notch his 22nd goal of the season with a fierce left-footer from 12 metres which Peter Shilton did well to touch but could not stop.

Division One

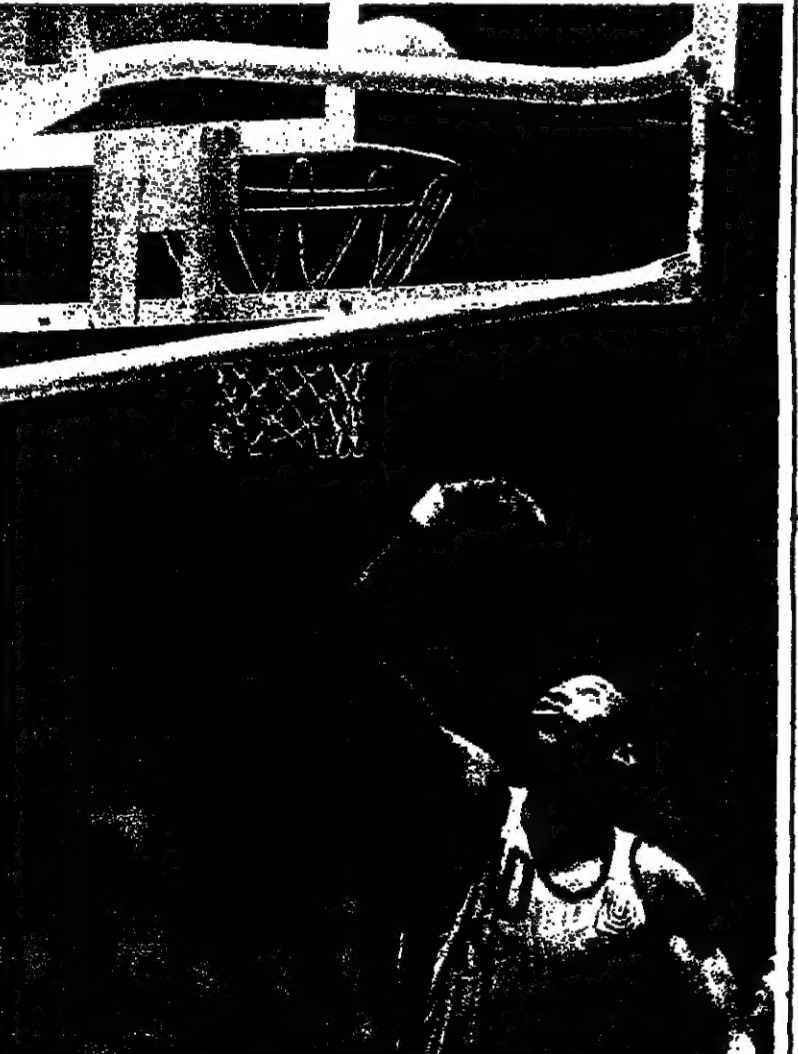
1 Arsenal	2 Tottenham	3 Manchester U	4 Liverpool	5 Everton	6 Newcastle	7 Aston Villa	8 QPR	9 Manchester City	10 Leeds	11 Sheffield U	12 WBA	13 Leicester	14 Ipswich	15 Norwich	16 Oxford	17 Luton	18 Birmingham	19 WBA	20
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Division Two

1 Barnsley	2 Millwall	3 Stoke	4 Portsmouth	5 Watford	6 Walsley	7 Shrewsbury	8 Exeter	9 Reading	10 Grimsby	11 Luton	12 Carlisle	13 Gillingham	14 Torquay	15 Notts	16 Wycombe	17 Swindon	18 Walsley	19 Exeter	20
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Scottish Premier Division

1 Dundee U	2 Rangers	3 Motherwell	4 Aberdeen	5 Celtic	6 Dundee	7 Hearts	8 St Mirren	9	10
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10



HOLON'S BANE. — Elitzur Netanya's Carl Neberson drives another nail into Hapoel Holon's coffin in the semi-final encounter on Wednesday night. (Guthmann)

Maccabi's black week

By DON GOULD
 TEL AVIV. — Last week was a week that basketball champions Maccabi Tel Aviv would like to obliterate from their memories. They started the week confident that they would take their second play-off game against Hapoel Tel Aviv, and so enter the final. Had they not won the first game by a record 44 points? Later in the week they hoped to improve their European Cup record, to a respectable five wins out of ten games by beating Simac Milano in Milan.

The best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft a-gley. Maccabi's black week started with Hapoel Tel Aviv's players forgetting their embarrassing loss, and also ignoring newspaper stories of their early demise. Instead they fought their way back to a well-deserved two-point victory over Maccabi, thus forcing a third and decisive game tomorrow night.

Later in the week, Elitzur Netanya also forgot to read the newspaper clippings, and beat Hapoel Holon a second time, thus putting themselves in the finals of

the National Basketball League playoffs. Elitzur have been a fast improving team and has given Maccabi fits during the season. Maccabi has always won, but in recent games only by close margins.

To polish off last week's activities, Maccabi Tel Aviv travelled to Milan. Maccabi did nothing to break the spell. Simac built a nine-point lead at the half and went on to a 12-point victory.

In what was one of Maccabi's lowest scoring outputs in many a game, Kevin Magee pumped in 24 points, Lee Johnson 19 and captain Mickey Berkowitz 19, but after those three, the rest of the team could only account for a combined total of eight.

Tomorrow night, Hapoel Tel Aviv will make every effort to build on their performance of last week and thus to eliminate Maccabi, and to go into the finals against Elitzur Netanya, Maccabi Tel Aviv, for their part, are ready to forget the week that was, and to start a fresh one, so that will take them to their 18th straight championship.

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Amos — so near but yet so far

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 Amos Mansdorf gave Anders Jarryd the fright of his life in the quarter-finals of the Milan Grand Prix tournament. After losing the first set on a tiebreaker 7-6, Mansdorf led 5-2 in the second. But then he allowed the indomitable Swede to claw his way back into the match, point by point, game by game. Jarryd eventually tied the set at 5-5, and then went on to take it 7-5. The match was marked by spectacular rallies.

Jarryd faces fellow-Swede Joakim Nyström in the semi-final. In the final the winner of their match will encounter Ivan Lendl, who defeated fellow-Slav Miloslav Meir 7-5, 6-4 in the other semi-final.

In New York, Martina Navratilova, who defected from Czechoslovakia 11 years ago, has accepted an invitation from U.S. tennis officials to represent the U.S. in this summer's Federation Cup in the land of her birth, a spokesman for the U.S. Tennis Association said last week.

Joanna Cella, women's tennis director of the USTA, said the organization has not yet applied for any visas, including Navratilova's, for the Federation Cup, the women's equivalent of the Davis Cup. It is scheduled to be held on July 21-24.

Hunter Delatour, former President of the USTA and Chairman of the International Tennis Federation's Federation Cup Committee, said officials are banking on Prague honouring earlier promises to grant visas to all players selected by their national groups.

In Prague, a source who asked not to be identified, said Navratilova "will definitely not have a visa problem. In fact, she is expected to come."

Navratilova said fan reaction to her return to Prague "will be hard to predict. I've played it through in my mind many times. For the most part, I think it will be good."

Kovno face Zagreb in final

Post Sports Staff
 Despite Simac Milano's comfortable victory over Maccabi Tel Aviv in Italy late on Thursday night, they left the court in despair. At the very time that they ran up their 82-70 triumph over the Israeli champions, they heard that Shalgeris Kovno, the Soviet champions, had shown their mettle by winning their last European Cup game in Madrid to qualify for the final against the reigning champions, Cibona Zagreb. The Yugoslavs had booked their place in

the final the previous night by means of a determined away court victory over Limoges in France.

Shalgeris destroyed the Spaniards' faint hope of being the second team in the final with a fine display against Real and a 98-95 score.

Final Pool - Final Standings

Club	W	L	F	A	Pts
Cibona	10	7	3	977	933
Kovno	10	7	3	932	915
Simac	10	6	4	981	937
Real	10	5	5	944	906
Maccabi	10	4	6	907	846
Limoges	10	1	9	918	1013

In Bridgetown, England's batsmen failed against as they were dismissed for 171 on the opening day of the four-day cricket match against Barbados.

Fast medium bowler Gilbert Greene took five wickets for 72 as England lost their last five wickets for 26 runs.

The Robinsons with 40 and Mike Gattling, returning for his first match after having his nose broken in the first one-day international, with 36, were the main scorers for England. Ian Botham scored 27. Barbados replied with 65 for 6.

In Colombo, Arjuna Ranatunga hit an unbeaten 69 and shared a sixth wicket stand of 80 with Ravi Ratnayake to give Sri Lanka the upper hand in the second cricket Test against Pakistan. The pair lifted Sri Lanka 248 for 6 in reply to Pakistan's first innings of 132 at the close of the second day.

French, Scots take Five Nations title

LONDON (Reuters). — France beat England 26-10 and Scotland defeated last year's champions Ireland 18-9 yesterday to share the Five Nations Rugby Union Championship.

France last won the title outright in 1981 and shared the championship two years later with Ireland. Scotland were champions in 1984.

The championship set a record for points scored with a total of 360 in the 10 matches. The previous record was 333 two years ago.

Caesarea golf

CAESAREA. — Friday's individual stroke play A Division golf tournament winner was 14-handicap Henri Konkier of Caesarea with a level par 73 net. Charlie Elmudway of Or Akiva, playing off a 22 handicap, won the B Division with a 72 net.

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